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Consumer Price Index — July 2002

Highlights

- BC consumer prices rose 1.9% in July from July 2001, up slightly from June's year-over-year increase of 1.6%. The highest rate (3.9%) was seen in New Brunswick, while Manitoba reported the lowest rate (1.3%). Canada's year-over-year inflation rate was 2.1% in July.

- Of the metropolitan areas, prices in Vancouver rose 1.9% from last July, while Victoria posted a 2.3% increase over the same period. Saint John reported the greatest price increases from a year ago at 3.7%, while Edmonton experienced the smallest increase in prices at 1.2%.

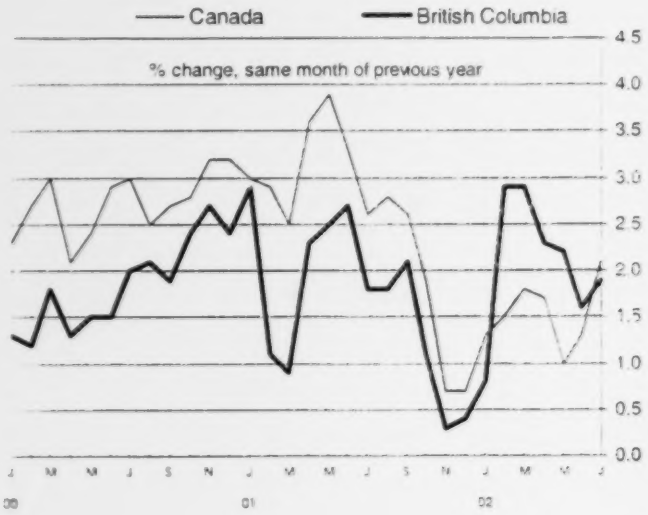
- BC's energy prices, which include natural gas, home heating oil, electricity and gasoline, rose 0.2% from last July, a combination of a 13.1% drop in the price of natural gas, a 6.1% drop in the price of fuel oil, and a 6.1% increase in the price of gasoline. Electricity prices remained relatively stable (+0.4%).

- Increases in provincial and federal taxes in recent months on cigarettes continue to push up BC's All-Items CPI – prices on cigarettes rose 32.1% from last July. Also contributing to inflation in BC from last July were higher prices for public transportation – both local & commuter (+7.4%) and inter-city (+6.5%), household furnishings (+5.5%), reading material (+5.1%), and beer purchased from stores (+4.9%). Lower prices for children's clothing (-8.3%), women's clothing (-6.1%), men's clothing (-2.5%), and non-alcoholic beverages (-2.2%), helped offset these increases.

- BC's consumer price index, excluding food and energy, rose 2.2% from last July. The comparable figure for Canada was 2.9%.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	July 2002	June 2002	July 2001
Canada	119.6	0.5	2.1
BC	118.5	0.3	1.9
Vancouver	119.2	0.2	1.9
Victoria	118.1	0.3	2.3

BC's inflation lower than Canada's



1992=100	Latest 12-month Average Index	Latest 12-month Average % Change
Canada	117.4	1.6
BC	116.6	1.7
Vancouver	117.4	1.7
Victoria	116.0	1.8

Note:
Statistics Canada will release the August issue of the Consumer Price Index on September 20, 2002.

July 2002 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index July 2002	% change June 2002	% change July 2001	Index July 2002	% change June 2002	% change July 2001
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**118.5**	**0.3**	**1.9**	**119.6**	**0.5**	**2.1**
Food	**120.3**	**-0.6**	**1.5**	**120.9**	**0.0**	**1.9**
Food Purchased From Stores	118.0	-0.9	0.7	120.6	-0.1	1.5
Meat	125.1	-0.5	-0.7	127.1	-0.4	0.1
Fish & Other Seafood	131.7	2.9	0.8	123.7	0.7	0.5
Dairy Products & Eggs	122.8	0.2	3.7	120.4	0.1	2.7
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	114.4	-2.7	-1.0	120.5	-0.5	1.3
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	105.6	0.6	1.5	111.0	1.2	1.6
Fresh Fruit	101.0	-3.0	0.9	115.2	1.2	2.3
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	105.5	-2.7	-0.7	123.8	-0.2	5.7
Fresh Vegetables	103.4	-3.5	-1.4	130.4	-0.5	7.3
Other Food Products	120.5	-1.2	1.0	116.7	-0.2	0.3
Coffee & Tea	131.7	-0.1	1.1	123.4	-0.8	-3.4
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	81.4	-1.1	-2.2	101.5	-0.3	-2.3
Food Purchased From Restaurants	125.6	0.3	3.4	122.3	0.2	2.9
Shelter	**102.1**	**0.1**	**-0.2**	**113.2**	**0.1**	**-0.4**
Rented Accommodation	113.6	0.1	1.4	115.6	0.2	2.0
Owned Accommodation	89.9	-0.1	0.3	107.7	0.0	1.7
Property taxes	136.9	0.0	1.8	120.5	0.0	1.6
Water, Fuel & Electricity	140.4	0.4	-5.1	128.7	0.4	-9.2
Electricity	106.5	0.4	0.4	121.0	3.2	5.9
Piped Gas	198.6	0.0	-13.1	145.2	-5.7	-34.6
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	132.2	0.0	-6.1	130.1	0.0	-10.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	**121.1**	**0.2**	**2.7**	**114.2**	**0.2**	**1.6**
Household Operations	126.1	0.1	1.3	117.6	0.1	1.3
Household Furnishings	114.7	0.3	5.5	108.8	0.3	2.1
Clothing & Footwear	**110.7**	**-0.4**	**-3.1**	**105.0**	**0.8**	**-0.8**
Clothing	108.7	-0.8	-5.1	103.9	1.4	-1.5
Women's Clothing	109.0	-0.9	-6.1	104.0	2.2	-1.2
Men's Clothing	110.9	1.0	-2.5	104.4	1.3	-0.8
Children's Clothing	99.6	-6.9	-8.3	101.3	-1.9	-4.9
Footwear	108.3	-0.1	-1.6	104.7	-1.9	-0.4
Transportation	**137.2**	**0.9**	**4.1**	**135.4**	**1.0**	**3.8**
Private Transportation	132.2	0.2	3.8	132.2	0.7	3.8
Operation of Motor Vehicles	134.1	0.8	7.1	134.9	1.6	6.7
Gasoline	141.8	1.0	6.1	130.4	2.8	5.0
Public Transportation	183.5	6.3	6.7	172.6	5.0	4.9
Local & Commuter	141.3	0.0	7.4	137.4	0.3	2.0
Inter-City	200.9	8.2	6.5	200.5	7.7	6.4
Health & Personal Care	**121.7**	**-0.7**	**1.3**	**115.4**	**-0.4**	**0.5**
Health Care	125.9	0.3	3.5	120.2	0.0	1.8
Personal Care	117.5	-1.6	-0.8	111.9	-0.8	-0.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	**127.2**	**0.9**	**1.6**	**128.4**	**0.9**	**1.7**
Recreation	123.0	1.1	1.2	118.9	1.2	0.8
Education & Reading	140.9	0.1	3.1	162.1	0.1	4.4
Education	138.1	0.0	2.1	175.7	0.0	3.9
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	146.9	0.1	5.1	137.6	0.2	5.8
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**129.9**	**1.6**	**15.9**	**129.5**	**4.4**	**22.5**
Alcoholic Beverages	118.3	0.3	2.2	118.8	-0.3	1.9
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	115.8	0.3	1.8	118.7	-0.4	1.1
Beer Purchased from Stores	131.7	0.0	4.9	125.5	-1.0	0.5
Liquor Purchased from Stores	102.0	-0.6	0.0	108.1	0.1	1.7
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	137.9	2.9	32.2	124.1	7.6	42.0
Cigarettes	137.9	2.9	32.1	123.0	7.5	42.0
All-Items Excluding Food	118.2	0.4	2.1	119.4	0.7	2.1
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	116.1	0.2	1.5	120.0	0.4	1.4
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	116.3	0.3	2.2	118.2	0.6	2.9

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Provinces	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	July 2002	June 2002	July 2001	2001	2000	2000/01
Canada	119.6	0.5	2.1	116.4	113.5	2.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	117.9	0.2	2.3	114.5	113.3	1.1
Prince Edward Island	118.6	0.9	2.5	114.6	111.7	2.6
Nova Scotia	120.8	0.6	3.5	116.3	114.2	1.8
New Brunswick	119.6	0.8	3.9	114.7	112.8	1.7
Quebec	116.2	0.9	2.3	113.2	110.6	2.4
Ontario	120.8	0.8	2.1	117.7	114.2	3.1
Manitoba	123.8	0.2	1.3	121.2	118.1	2.6
Saskatchewan	124.2	0.2	2.6	120.3	116.7	3.1
Alberta	124.1	0.0	2.1	120.1	117.4	2.3
British Columbia	**118.5**	**0.3**	**1.9**	**115.2**	**113.3**	**1.7**
Whitehorse	119.0	1.0	0.8	116.9	114.6	2.0
Yellowknife	117.3	0.9	3.2	113.0	111.2	1.6

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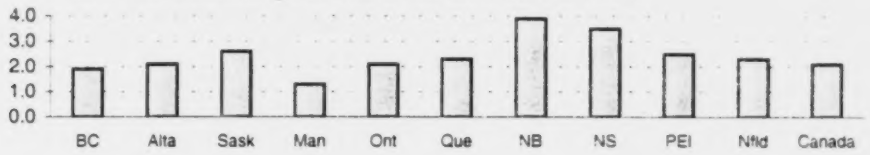

Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	July 2002	June 2002	July 2001	2001	2000	2000/01
St. John's	118.0	0.3	2.3	114.5	113.2	1.1
Charlottetown	118.0	0.9	2.4	114.2	111.4	2.5
Halifax	120.1	0.6	3.6	115.5	113.2	2.0
Saint John	119.1	0.8	3.7	114.5	112.5	1.8
Quebec City	116.8	0.9	2.3	113.8	111.3	2.2
Montreal	116.4	0.9	2.3	113.4	110.7	2.4
Ottawa	122.5	0.7	2.0	119.3	115.6	3.2
Toronto	120.9	0.3	2.0	118.1	114.5	3.1
Thunder Bay	120.3	1.2	1.8	117.5	114.3	2.8
Winnipeg	124.1	0.2	1.3	121.5	118.1	2.9
Regina	125.1	0.2	2.5	121.3	117.7	3.1
Saskatoon	123.7	0.2	2.7	119.7	116.3	2.9
Edmonton	121.5	0.2	1.2	118.4	115.9	2.2
Calgary	126.0	-0.2	2.6	121.3	118.4	2.4
Vancouver	**119.2**	**0.2**	**1.9**	**116.0**	**113.9**	**1.8**
Victoria	**118.1**	**0.3**	**2.3**	**114.3**	**113.0**	**1.2**

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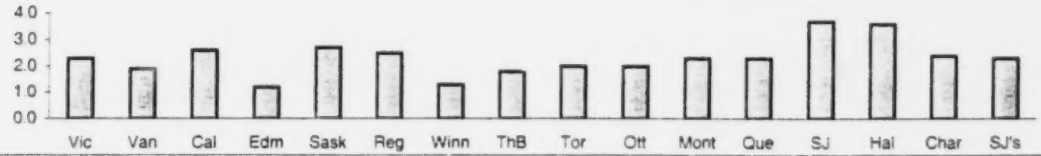

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Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1998	110.0	0.3		112.5	98.6	113.9	108.9	119.4	112.1	118.1	108.6
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2001		Month	Year								
Jan	114.5	0.2	2.9	115.3	102.1	115.9	111.9	131.1	118.0	120.2	110.9
Feb	112.6	-1.7	1.1	115.5	95.0	117.0	113.6	129.8	118.8	121.5	110.8
Mar	113.3	0.6	0.9	116.0	98.0	117.3	112.9	128.0	118.6	121.7	111.1
Apr	115.0	1.5	2.3	116.9	102.2	116.8	113.2	129.8	119.5	121.7	111.0
May	115.6	0.5	2.5	118.2	102.4	117.0	110.8	130.8	119.3	123.9	112.1
Jun	116.3	0.6	2.7	117.7	102.4	117.7	111.6	133.6	120.2	125.5	112.1
Jul	116.3	0.0	1.8	118.5	102.3	117.9	114.3	131.8	120.1	125.2	112.1
Aug	116.1	-0.2	1.8	118.4	102.3	117.9	112.7	131.3	119.2	125.2	113.0
Sep	116.7	0.5	2.1	117.4	102.4	119.6	115.2	134.1	119.8	124.2	113.0
Oct	115.8	-0.8	1.1	117.8	101.8	119.4	113.3	132.0	120.8	121.8	112.7
Nov	114.9	-0.8	0.3	118.0	101.8	119.4	111.3	127.5	121.0	120.3	114.0
Dec	114.8	-0.1	0.4	119.4	101.6	120.2	110.1	125.7	120.6	120.5	114.8
2002											
Jan	115.4	0.5	0.8	120.4	101.3	120.2	112.2	128.1	120.1	120.1	115.0
Feb	115.9	0.4	2.9	120.4	101.3	120.3	115.3	128.3	120.8	121.3	117.9
Mar	116.6	0.6	2.9	120.0	101.1	120.8	116.2	131.4	120.5	121.4	123.4
Apr	117.7	0.9	2.3	121.5	101.6	121.4	114.2	135.0	122.0	121.7	123.9
May	118.1	0.3	2.2	120.9	101.8	121.2	112.8	135.9	122.0	125.4	126.2
Jun	118.2	0.1	1.6	121.0	102.0	120.9	111.1	136.0	122.5	126.1	127.8
Jul	118.5	0.3	1.9	120.3	102.1	121.1	110.7	137.2	121.7	127.2	129.9
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Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1998	108.6	0.9		109.3	103.7	108.2	103.9	120.5	108.1	117.5	92.6
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2001		Month	Year								
Jan	114.7	-0.3	3.0	114.7	111.0	110.5	104.8	131.2	113.1	121.4	99.2
Feb	115.2	0.4	2.9	115.6	110.8	111.0	106.5	131.5	113.6	122.9	99.4
Mar	115.6	0.3	2.5	116.6	111.9	111.3	107.9	130.1	113.5	123.5	99.4
Apr	116.4	0.7	3.6	117.0	112.5	112.0	106.5	132.1	114.0	123.9	103.3
May	117.4	0.9	3.9	117.9	113.8	112.2	104.9	134.0	114.4	125.3	105.2
Jun	117.5	0.1	3.3	118.1	114.2	112.4	104.5	133.0	114.9	125.6	105.4
Jul	117.1	-0.3	2.6	118.6	113.7	112.4	105.8	130.4	114.8	126.2	105.7
Aug	117.1	0.0	2.8	117.7	113.7	112.5	106.6	130.9	114.2	126.2	106.4
Sep	117.4	0.3	2.6	116.9	113.4	113.2	107.9	133.0	114.2	126.0	106.5
Oct	116.8	-0.5	1.9	116.8	113.6	113.0	107.2	130.3	115.0	124.5	106.8
Nov	115.8	-0.9	0.7	117.3	112.0	112.7	105.2	126.9	114.7	123.2	111.7
Dec	115.9	0.1	0.7	118.6	112.6	113.0	103.7	126.0	114.5	122.9	111.9
2002											
Jan	116.2	0.3	1.3	120.0	113.0	112.9	102.3	126.9	114.3	122.3	112.2
Feb	116.9	0.6	1.5	120.6	113.1	113.1	105.4	127.5	114.8	124.1	112.9
Mar	117.7	0.7	1.8	120.4	113.1	113.7	107.1	130.5	114.5	124.9	114.1
Apr	118.4	0.6	1.7	120.9	112.8	113.9	106.6	133.8	115.3	124.7	116.8
May	118.6	0.2	1.0	120.4	113.1	113.8	104.6	134.1	115.7	126.8	118.8
Jun	119.0	0.3	1.3	120.9	113.1	114.0	104.2	134.0	115.9	127.2	124.1
Jul	119.6	0.5	2.1	120.9	113.2	114.2	105.0	135.4	115.4	128.4	129.5
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BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Fuel Oil/							
				Piped Gas	Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	1998	109.7	91.0	116.7	103.8	104.6	98.5	103.7	109.5	108.2	110.1
	1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8
	2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
2001	Jan	111.2	89.6	228.6	152.4	106.1	134.2	139.5	114.4	112.7	112.1
	Feb	111.3	89.7	228.6	147.5	0.0	135.3	108.3	112.0	110.7	112.4
	Mar	111.5	89.8	228.6	143.8	42.3	132.3	119.2	112.7	111.4	112.1
	Apr	111.6	89.7	228.6	140.2	106.1	135.4	139.7	114.6	113.2	112.4
	May	111.7	90.0	228.6	140.8	106.1	140.2	142.3	115.1	113.8	112.7
	Jun	111.8	89.9	228.6	140.8	106.1	149.5	147.2	116.1	114.5	113.3
	Jul	112.0	89.6	228.6	140.8	106.1	133.7	139.0	115.8	114.4	113.8
	Aug	112.1	89.7	228.6	140.8	106.1	131.5	137.8	115.6	114.2	113.6
	Sep	112.2	89.7	228.6	144.5	106.1	147.2	146.2	116.5	114.8	113.9
	Oct	112.4	89.8	205.6	138.6	106.1	138.5	138.4	115.4	113.9	113.4
	Nov	112.5	89.7	205.6	136.0	106.1	122.0	129.7	114.2	112.9	112.9
	Dec	112.7	89.6	205.6	126.1	106.1	112.1	124.0	113.9	112.8	113.0
2002	Jan	112.7	89.2	198.6	123.7	106.1	113.2	123.7	114.3	113.4	113.5
	Feb	112.9	89.2	198.6	119.3	106.1	113.4	123.6	114.9	113.8	114.1
	Mar	113.0	88.9	198.6	121.6	106.1	126.4	130.5	115.9	114.3	114.6
	Apr	113.1	89.4	198.6	130.8	106.1	137.3	136.6	116.9	115.4	115.1
	May	113.3	89.6	198.6	132.2	106.1	139.9	138.0	117.6	115.8	115.7
	Jun	113.5	90.0	198.6	132.2	106.1	140.4	138.3	117.7	115.9	115.9
	Jul	113.6	89.9	198.6	132.2	106.5	141.8	139.3	118.2	116.1	116.3
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[1] *electricity figures for February and March 2001 reflect BC Hydro rebates*

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Fuel Oil/							
				Piped Gas	Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1998	109.1	99.2	119.1	100.8	107.8	99.1	104.3	108.6	110.1	108.9
	1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
	2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
2001	Jan	112.3	104.7	178.3	162.7	107.9	131.2	130.9	114.7	116.1	112.8
	Feb	112.5	105.0	191.9	156.2	99.9	132.1	129.9	115.2	116.6	113.4
	Mar	112.6	105.2	212.5	150.2	104.3	129.0	131.6	115.5	117.1	113.5
	Apr	112.8	105.5	209.4	146.0	110.4	136.1	136.4	116.3	117.8	113.9
	May	113.0	105.8	240.0	144.5	111.1	143.5	143.5	117.4	118.7	114.3
	Jun	113.1	105.8	242.4	144.5	114.0	137.4	141.7	117.4	118.8	114.5
	Jul	113.3	105.9	222.0	144.5	114.3	124.2	133.1	116.9	118.4	114.9
	Aug	113.5	106.1	217.1	144.5	114.3	125.9	133.4	117.0	118.4	115.1
	Sep	113.7	106.2	209.3	139.9	114.3	135.5	137.0	117.5	118.6	115.2
	Oct	114.0	106.8	206.5	135.1	114.3	124.7	131.0	116.9	118.0	115.1
	Nov	114.1	106.7	160.2	130.5	114.3	112.2	119.5	115.5	116.7	114.9
	Dec	114.3	106.6	182.4	123.3	114.3	107.6	119.1	115.4	116.9	114.8
2002	Jan	114.4	106.5	191.2	120.5	116.3	110.3	121.8	115.5	117.2	114.7
	Feb	114.6	106.6	190.5	119.7	116.1	111.8	122.4	116.2	117.9	115.4
	Mar	114.7	106.7	176.6	122.7	119.3	122.1	127.2	117.2	118.7	116.0
	Apr	115.0	107.1	153.9	130.2	119.4	130.4	129.4	117.9	119.3	116.5
	May	115.2	107.4	155.4	130.1	119.4	128.0	128.4	118.3	119.4	117.0
	Jun	115.4	107.7	153.9	130.1	117.2	126.9	127.0	118.6	119.5	117.5
	Jul	115.6	107.7	145.2	130.1	121.0	130.4	129.0	119.4	120.0	118.2
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* *Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

Vancouver

		% Change			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
1998	110.4	0.5		99.4	109.2	92.0	112.5
1999	111.4	0.9		99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2		100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2001	116.0	1.8		103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2001		Month	Year				
Jan	115.3	0.3	3.3	103.8	110.7	91.1	164.2
Feb	113.9	-1.2	1.9	98.7	110.9	91.3	103.9
Mar	114.0	0.1	1.1	100.2	111.0	91.4	120.2
Apr	115.7	1.5	2.5	104.0	111.2	91.1	164.2
May	116.3	0.5	2.6	104.5	111.4	91.8	164.2
Jun	117.0	0.6	2.8	104.4	111.5	91.7	164.2
Jul	117.0	0.0	1.8	104.3	111.7	91.5	164.3
Aug	117.0	0.0	1.8	104.4	111.8	91.6	164.3
Sep	117.5	0.4	2.1	104.5	111.9	91.7	164.2
Oct	116.5	-0.9	1.2	103.4	111.9	91.2	154.4
Nov	115.6	-0.8	0.3	103.4	112.1	91.2	154.3
Dec	115.8	0.2	0.7	103.4	112.2	91.1	154.1
2002							
Jan	116.3	0.4	0.9	102.8	112.2	90.7	149.6
Feb	116.6	0.3	2.4	102.9	112.5	90.7	149.5
Mar	117.4	0.7	3.0	102.7	112.6	90.4	149.7
Apr	118.4	0.9	2.3	103.3	112.8	91.3	149.9
May	119.0	0.5	2.3	103.6	113.0	91.6	149.8
Jun	119.0	0.0	1.7	103.5	113.1	91.4	149.8
Jul	119.2	0.2	1.9	103.6	113.3	91.4	150.1
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Victoria

		% Change			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
1998	110.0	0.3		98.8	109.5	90.9	108.0
1999	111.1	1.0		98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7		99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2001	114.3	1.2		98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2001		Month	Year				
Jan	113.8	-0.1	2.4	100.3	110.9	89.9	123.0
Feb	111.3	-2.2	0.0	91.3	110.9	89.9	48.4
Mar	112.4	1.0	0.2	95.4	111.0	90.0	81.9
Apr	114.2	1.6	1.7	100.0	111.2	90.0	119.5
May	114.8	0.5	1.9	99.9	111.2	89.8	119.3
Jun	115.4	0.5	2.0	99.8	111.3	89.7	119.3
Jul	115.4	0.0	1.5	99.7	111.3	89.4	119.3
Aug	115.2	-0.2	1.4	99.7	111.4	89.4	119.3
Sep	115.7	0.4	1.6	99.7	111.4	89.3	120.1
Oct	115.2	-0.4	1.1	100.3	111.6	90.4	118.8
Nov	114.4	-0.7	0.3	100.2	112.1	90.2	118.2
Dec	114.3	-0.1	0.4	100.0	112.2	90.0	116.5
2002							
Jan	114.9	0.5	1.0	100.1	112.3	89.7	119.1
Feb	115.4	0.4	3.7	100.0	112.6	89.6	118.3
Mar	116.1	0.6	3.3	99.9	112.6	89.3	118.6
Apr	117.1	0.9	2.5	100.2	112.7	89.5	120.2
May	117.6	0.4	2.4	100.4	113.0	89.6	120.5
Jun	117.8	0.2	2.1	100.9	113.1	90.3	120.5
Jul	118.1	0.3	2.3	101.0	113.4	90.4	120.5
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Consumer Price Index — August 2002

Highlights

- BC consumer prices rose 2.2% in August from August 2001, continuing a trend of mild inflation. The highest year-over-year inflation rate was seen in New Brunswick (4.2%), while Manitoba reported the lowest rate (1.8%). Canada's inflation rate was 2.6% over the same period.

- Of the metropolitan areas, prices in Vancouver rose 2.0% from last August, while Victoria posted a 2.7% increase over the same period. Saint John reported the greatest price increase from a year ago at 3.9%, while Edmonton and Winnipeg shared the smallest price increase at 1.8%.

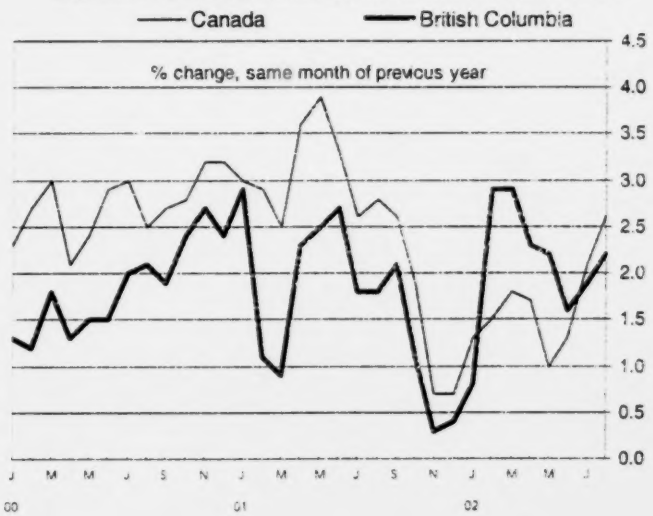
- BC's energy prices, which include natural gas, home heating oil, electricity and gasoline, rose 1.4% from last August. Natural gas and fuel oil prices continue to drop while gasoline prices are again on the rise. Electricity prices are up slightly (+0.4%) from last August.

- Increases in provincial and federal taxes on cigarettes continue to push up BC's All-Items CPI – prices on cigarettes rose 30.9% from last August. Also contributing to inflation in BC from last August were higher prices for public transportation – both inter-city (+7.9%) and local & commuter (+7.4), household furnishings (+5.5%), reading material (+5.1%), and beer purchased from stores (+4.9%). Lower prices for men's clothing (-6.6%), children's clothing (-6.3%), and non-alcoholic beverages (-3.8%), helped offset these increases.

- BC's consumer price index, excluding food and energy, rose 2.5% from last August. The comparable figure for Canada was 3.0%.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	August 2002	July 2002	August 2001
Canada	120.1	0.4	2.6
BC	118.7	0.2	2.2
Vancouver	119.3	0.1	2.0
Victoria	118.3	0.2	2.7

BC and Canada Inflation trend on the rise



1992=100	Latest 12-month Average Index	Latest 12-month Average % Change
Canada	117.7	1.6
BC	116.8	1.7
Vancouver	117.6	1.7
Victoria	116.2	1.9

Note:
Statistics Canada will release the September issue of the Consumer Price Index on October 23, 2002.

August 2002 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index August 2002	% change July 2002	% change August 2001	Index August 2002	% change July 2002	% change August 2001
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**118.7**	**0.2**	**2.2**	**120.1**	**0.4**	**2.6**
Food	**120.9**	**0.5**	**2.1**	**120.2**	**-0.6**	**2.1**
Food Purchased From Stores	118.6	0.5	1.5	119.4	-1.0	1.7
Meat	126.5	1.1	0.9	127.6	0.4	0.6
Fish & Other Seafood	129.4	-1.7	-0.6	123.7	0.0	0.0
Dairy Products & Eggs	123.0	0.2	3.5	120.4	0.0	2.9
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	114.9	0.4	0.5	121.1	0.5	1.8
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	108.9	3.1	3.1	111.4	0.4	2.7
Fresh Fruit	106.0	5.0	3.9	115.5	0.3	4.1
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	103.9	-1.5	2.2	110.5	-10.7	4.3
Fresh Vegetables	101.0	-2.3	2.2	112.4	-13.8	5.7
Other Food Products	121.0	0.4	0.5	117.0	0.3	0.8
Coffee & Tea	129.6	-1.6	-1.6	124.1	0.6	-4.0
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	80.7	-0.9	-3.8	100.6	-0.9	-0.8
Food Purchased From Restaurants	126.0	0.3	3.2	122.7	0.3	2.8
Shelter	**102.1**	**0.0**	**-0.2**	**114.2**	**0.9**	**0.4**
Rented Accommodation	113.8	0.2	1.5	115.9	0.3	2.1
Owned Accommodation	89.8	-0.1	0.1	107.8	0.1	1.6
Property taxes	136.9	0.0	1.8	120.5	0.0	1.6
Water, Fuel & Electricity	140.4	0.0	-5.1	134.1	4.2	-4.7
Electricity	106.5	0.0	0.4	129.2	6.8	13.0
Piped Gas	198.6	0.0	-13.1	147.7	1.7	-32.0
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	132.2	0.0	-6.1	130.1	0.0	-10.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	**121.0**	**-0.1**	**2.6**	**114.3**	**0.1**	**1.5**
Household Operations	125.9	-0.2	1.1	117.8	0.0	1.3
Household Furnishings	114.8	0.1	5.5	109.0	0.2	2.0
Clothing & Footwear	**110.5**	**-0.2**	**-2.0**	**105.0**	**0.0**	**-1.5**
Clothing	107.7	-0.9	-3.8	103.8	-0.1	-2.0
Women's Clothing	109.2	0.2	-1.4	103.8	-0.2	-1.4
Men's Clothing	107.0	-3.5	-6.6	103.7	-0.7	-2.4
Children's Clothing	102.2	2.6	-6.3	103.5	2.2	-3.4
Footwear	109.8	1.4	-0.5	105.3	0.6	-0.3
Transportation	**137.7**	**0.4**	**4.9**	**137.0**	**1.2**	**4.7**
Private Transportation	132.3	0.1	4.4	133.7	1.1	4.6
Operation of Motor Vehicles	134.4	0.2	8.0	137.4	1.9	8.1
Gasoline	142.6	0.6	8.4	133.6	2.5	6.1
Public Transportation	186.2	1.5	7.8	174.7	1.2	5.8
Local & Commuter	141.3	0.0	7.4	137.4	0.0	2.0
Inter-City	204.7	1.9	7.9	204.4	1.9	7.9
Health & Personal Care	**123.0**	**1.1**	**3.2**	**115.6**	**0.2**	**1.2**
Health Care	126.0	0.1	3.7	120.3	0.1	1.9
Personal Care	119.9	2.0	2.7	112.1	0.2	0.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	**127.1**	**-0.1**	**1.5**	**128.5**	**0.1**	**1.8**
Recreation	122.9	-0.1	1.2	119.0	0.1	0.9
Education & Reading	140.9	0.0	3.1	162.1	0.0	4.4
Education	138.1	0.0	2.1	175.7	0.0	3.9
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	146.9	0.0	5.1	137.6	0.0	5.8
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**130.4**	**0.4**	**15.4**	**129.8**	**0.2**	**22.0**
Alcoholic Beverages	118.8	0.4	2.2	119.3	0.4	2.5
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	116.0	0.2	1.9	119.2	0.4	2.1
Beer Purchased from Stores	131.7	0.0	4.9	126.6	0.9	2.5
Liquor Purchased from Stores	102.5	0.5	0.0	108.1	0.0	1.6
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	138.5	0.4	31.2	124.3	0.2	40.1
Cigarettes	138.4	0.4	30.9	123.2	0.2	40.2
All-Items Excluding Food	118.3	0.1	2.3	120.2	0.7	2.7
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	116.3	0.2	1.8	120.5	0.4	1.8
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	116.4	0.1	2.5	118.5	0.3	3.0

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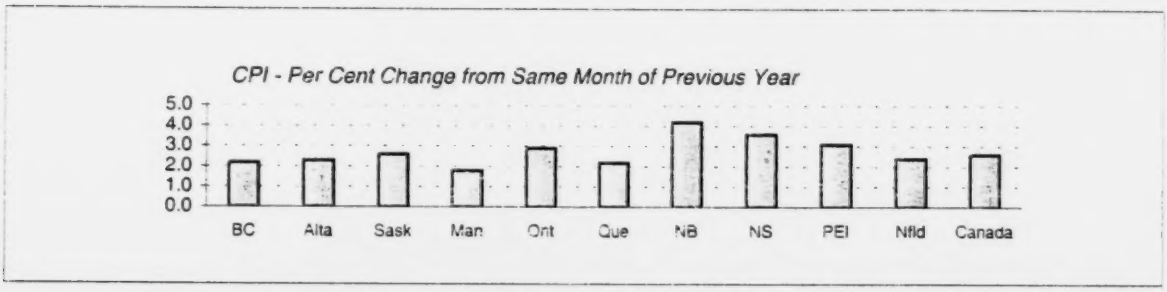
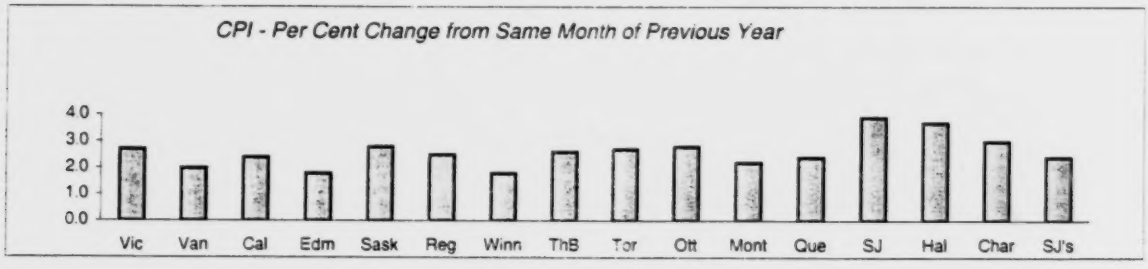
Provinces	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	August 2002	July 2002	August 2001	2001	2000	2000/01
Canada	120.1	0.4	2.6	116.4	113.5	2.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	117.8	-0.1	2.4	114.5	113.3	1.1
Prince Edward Island	118.8	0.2	3.1	114.6	111.7	2.6
Nova Scotia	120.7	-0.1	3.6	116.3	114.2	1.8
New Brunswick	119.9	0.3	4.2	114.7	112.8	1.7
Quebec	116.3	0.1	2.2	113.2	110.6	2.4
Ontario	121.7	0.7	2.9	117.7	114.2	3.1
Manitoba	124.1	0.2	1.8	121.2	118.1	2.6
Saskatchewan	124.4	0.2	2.6	120.3	116.7	3.1
Alberta	124.3	0.2	2.3	120.1	117.4	2.3
British Columbia	**118.7**	**0.2**	**2.2**	**115.2**	**113.3**	**1.7**
Whitehorse	118.9	-0.1	0.8	116.9	114.6	2.0
Yellowknife	117.4	0.1	3.2	113.0	111.2	1.6



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	August 2002	July 2002	August 2001	2001	2000	2000/01
St. John's	117.8	-0.2	2.4	114.5	113.2	1.1
Charlottetown	118.1	0.1	3.0	114.2	111.4	2.5
Halifax	120.0	-0.1	3.7	115.5	113.2	2.0
Saint John	119.5	0.3	3.9	114.5	112.5	1.8
Quebec City	117.1	0.3	2.4	113.8	111.3	2.2
Montreal	116.5	0.1	2.2	113.4	110.7	2.4
Ottawa	123.5	0.8	2.8	119.3	115.6	3.2
Toronto	121.6	0.6	2.7	118.1	114.5	3.1
Thunder Bay	121.3	0.8	2.6	117.5	114.3	2.8
Winnipeg	124.3	0.2	1.8	121.5	118.1	2.9
Regina	125.3	0.2	2.5	121.3	117.7	3.1
Saskatoon	123.9	0.2	2.8	119.7	116.3	2.9
Edmonton	122.1	0.5	1.8	118.4	115.9	2.2
Calgary	125.6	-0.3	2.4	121.3	118.4	2.4
Vancouver	**119.3**	**0.1**	**2.0**	**116.0**	**113.9**	**1.8**
Victoria	**118.3**	**0.2**	**2.7**	**114.3**	**113.0**	**1.2**



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British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1998	110.0	0.3		112.5	98.6	113.9	108.9	119.4	112.1	118.1	108.6
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2001		Month	Year								
Jan	114.5	0.2	2.9	115.3	102.1	115.9	111.9	131.1	118.0	120.2	110.9
Feb	112.6	-1.7	1.1	115.5	95.0	117.0	113.6	129.8	118.8	121.5	110.8
Mar	113.3	0.6	0.9	116.0	98.0	117.3	112.9	128.0	118.6	121.7	111.1
Apr	115.0	1.5	2.3	116.9	102.2	116.8	113.2	129.8	119.5	121.7	111.0
May	115.6	0.5	2.5	118.2	102.4	117.0	110.8	130.8	119.3	123.9	112.1
Jun	116.3	0.6	2.7	117.7	102.4	117.7	111.6	133.6	120.2	125.5	112.1
Jul	116.3	0.0	1.8	118.5	102.3	117.9	114.3	131.8	120.1	125.2	112.1
Aug	116.1	-0.2	1.8	118.4	102.3	117.9	112.7	131.3	119.2	125.2	113.0
Sep	116.7	0.5	2.1	117.4	102.4	119.6	115.2	134.1	119.8	124.2	113.0
Oct	115.8	-0.8	1.1	117.8	101.8	119.4	113.3	132.0	120.8	121.8	112.7
Nov	114.9	-0.8	0.3	118.0	101.8	119.4	111.3	127.5	121.0	120.3	114.0
Dec	114.8	-0.1	0.4	119.4	101.6	120.2	110.1	125.7	120.6	120.5	114.8
2002											
Jan	115.4	0.5	0.8	120.4	101.3	120.2	112.2	128.1	120.1	120.1	115.0
Feb	115.9	0.4	2.9	120.4	101.3	120.3	115.3	128.3	120.8	121.3	117.9
Mar	116.6	0.6	2.9	120.0	101.1	120.8	116.2	131.4	120.5	121.4	123.4
Apr	117.7	0.9	2.3	121.5	101.6	121.4	114.2	135.0	122.0	121.7	123.9
May	118.1	0.3	2.2	120.9	101.8	121.2	112.8	135.9	122.0	125.4	126.2
Jun	118.2	0.1	1.6	121.0	102.0	120.9	111.1	136.0	122.5	126.1	127.8
Jul	118.5	0.3	1.9	120.3	102.1	121.1	110.7	137.2	121.7	127.2	129.9
Aug	118.7	0.2	2.2	120.9	102.1	121.0	110.5	137.7	123.0	127.1	130.4
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Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1998	108.6	0.9		109.3	103.7	108.2	103.9	120.5	108.1	117.5	92.6
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2001		Month	Year								
Jan	114.7	-0.3	3.0	114.7	111.0	110.5	104.8	131.2	113.1	121.4	99.2
Feb	115.2	0.4	2.9	115.6	110.8	111.0	106.5	131.5	113.6	122.9	99.4
Mar	115.6	0.3	2.5	116.6	111.9	111.3	107.9	130.1	113.5	123.5	99.4
Apr	116.4	0.7	3.6	117.0	112.5	112.0	106.5	132.1	114.0	123.9	103.3
May	117.4	0.9	3.9	117.9	113.8	112.2	104.9	134.0	114.4	125.3	105.2
Jun	117.5	0.1	3.3	118.1	114.2	112.4	104.5	133.0	114.9	125.6	105.4
Jul	117.1	-0.3	2.6	118.6	113.7	112.4	105.8	130.4	114.8	126.2	105.7
Aug	117.1	0.0	2.8	117.7	113.7	112.5	106.6	130.9	114.2	126.2	106.4
Sep	117.4	0.3	2.6	116.9	113.4	113.2	107.9	133.0	114.2	126.0	106.5
Oct	116.8	-0.5	1.9	116.8	113.6	113.0	107.2	130.3	115.0	124.5	106.8
Nov	115.8	-0.9	0.7	117.3	112.0	112.7	105.2	126.9	114.7	123.2	111.7
Dec	115.9	0.1	0.7	118.6	112.6	113.0	103.7	126.0	114.5	122.9	111.9
2002											
Jan	116.2	0.3	1.3	120.0	113.0	112.9	102.3	126.9	114.3	122.3	112.2
Feb	116.9	0.6	1.5	120.6	113.1	113.1	105.4	127.5	114.8	124.1	112.9
Mar	117.7	0.7	1.8	120.4	113.1	113.7	107.1	130.5	114.5	124.9	114.1
Apr	118.4	0.6	1.7	120.9	112.8	113.9	106.6	133.8	115.3	124.7	116.8
May	118.6	0.2	1.0	120.4	113.1	113.8	104.6	134.1	115.7	126.8	118.8
Jun	119.0	0.3	1.3	120.9	113.1	114.0	104.2	134.0	115.9	127.2	124.1
Jul	119.6	0.5	2.1	120.9	113.2	114.2	105.0	135.4	115.4	128.4	129.5
Aug	120.1	0.4	2.6	120.2	114.2	114.3	105.0	137.0	115.6	128.5	129.8
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August 2002 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	1998	109.7	91.0	116.7	103.8	104.6	98.5	103.7	109.5	108.2	110.1
	1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8
	2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
2001	Jan	111.2	89.6	228.6	152.4	106.1	134.2	139.5	114.4	112.7	112.1
	Feb	111.3	89.7	228.6	147.5	0.0	135.3	108.3	112.0	110.7	112.4
	Mar	111.5	89.8	228.6	143.8	42.3	132.3	119.2	112.7	111.4	112.1
	Apr	111.6	89.7	228.6	140.2	106.1	135.4	139.7	114.6	113.2	112.4
	May	111.7	90.0	228.6	140.8	106.1	140.2	142.3	115.1	113.8	112.7
	Jun	111.8	89.9	228.6	140.8	106.1	149.5	147.2	116.1	114.5	113.3
	Jul	112.0	89.6	228.6	140.8	106.1	133.7	139.0	115.8	114.4	113.8
	Aug	112.1	89.7	228.6	140.8	106.1	131.5	137.8	115.6	114.2	113.6
	Sep	112.2	89.7	228.6	144.5	106.1	147.2	146.2	116.5	114.8	113.9
	Oct	112.4	89.8	205.6	138.6	106.1	138.5	138.4	115.4	113.9	113.4
	Nov	112.5	89.7	205.6	136.0	106.1	122.0	129.7	114.2	112.9	112.9
	Dec	112.7	89.6	205.6	126.1	106.1	112.1	124.0	113.9	112.8	113.0
2002	Jan	112.7	89.2	198.6	123.7	106.1	113.2	123.7	114.3	113.4	113.5
	Feb	112.9	89.2	198.6	119.3	106.1	113.4	123.6	114.9	113.8	114.1
	Mar	113.0	88.9	198.6	121.6	106.1	126.4	130.5	115.9	114.3	114.6
	Apr	113.1	89.4	198.6	130.8	106.1	137.3	136.6	116.9	115.4	115.1
	May	113.3	89.6	198.6	132.2	106.1	139.9	138.0	117.6	115.8	115.7
	Jun	113.5	90.0	198.6	132.2	106.1	140.4	138.3	117.7	115.9	115.9
	Jul	113.6	89.9	198.6	132.2	106.5	141.8	139.3	118.2	116.1	116.3
	Aug	113.8	89.8	198.6	132.2	106.5	142.6	139.7	118.3	116.3	116.4
	Sep										
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[1] *electricity figures for February and March 2001 reflect BC Hydro rebates*

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1998	109.1	99.2	119.1	100.8	107.8	99.1	104.3	108.6	110.1	108.9
	1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
	2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
2001	Jan	112.3	104.7	178.3	162.7	107.9	131.2	130.9	114.7	116.1	112.8
	Feb	112.5	105.0	191.9	156.2	99.9	132.1	129.9	115.2	116.6	113.4
	Mar	112.6	105.2	212.5	150.2	104.3	129.0	131.6	115.5	117.1	113.5
	Apr	112.8	105.5	209.4	146.0	110.4	136.1	136.4	116.3	117.8	113.9
	May	113.0	105.8	240.0	144.5	111.1	143.5	143.5	117.4	118.7	114.3
	Jun	113.1	105.8	242.4	144.5	114.0	137.4	141.7	117.4	118.8	114.5
	Jul	113.3	105.9	222.0	144.5	114.3	124.2	133.1	116.9	118.4	114.9
	Aug	113.5	106.1	217.1	144.5	114.3	125.9	133.4	117.0	118.4	115.1
	Sep	113.7	106.2	209.3	139.9	114.3	135.5	137.0	117.5	118.6	115.2
	Oct	114.0	106.8	206.5	135.1	114.3	124.7	131.0	116.9	118.0	115.1
	Nov	114.1	106.7	160.2	130.5	114.3	112.2	119.5	115.5	116.7	114.9
	Dec	114.3	106.6	182.4	123.3	114.3	107.6	119.1	115.4	116.9	114.8
2002	Jan	114.4	106.5	191.2	120.5	116.3	110.3	121.8	115.5	117.2	114.7
	Feb	114.6	106.6	190.5	119.7	116.1	111.8	122.4	116.2	117.9	115.4
	Mar	114.7	106.7	176.6	122.7	119.3	122.1	127.2	117.2	118.7	116.0
	Apr	115.0	107.1	153.9	130.2	119.4	130.4	129.4	117.9	119.3	116.5
	May	115.2	107.4	155.4	130.1	119.4	128.0	128.4	118.3	119.4	117.0
	Jun	115.4	107.7	153.9	130.1	117.2	126.9	127.0	118.6	119.5	117.5
	Jul	115.6	107.7	145.2	130.1	121.0	130.4	129.0	119.4	120.0	118.2
	Aug	115.9	107.8	147.7	130.1	129.2	133.6	133.4	120.2	120.5	118.5
	Sep										
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* *Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

August 2002 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1998	110.4	0.5	99.4	109.2	92.0	112.5
1999	111.4	0.9	99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2	100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2001		Month Year				
Jan	115.3	0.3 3.3	103.8	110.7	91.1	164.2
Feb	113.9	-1.2 1.9	98.7	110.9	91.3	103.9
Mar	114.0	0.1 1.1	100.2	111.0	91.4	120.2
Apr	115.7	1.5 2.5	104.0	111.2	91.1	164.2
May	116.3	0.5 2.6	104.5	111.4	91.8	164.2
Jun	117.0	0.6 2.8	104.4	111.5	91.7	164.2
Jul	117.0	0.0 1.8	104.3	111.7	91.5	164.3
Aug	117.0	0.0 1.8	104.4	111.8	91.6	164.3
Sep	117.5	0.4 2.1	104.5	111.9	91.7	164.2
Oct	116.5	-0.9 1.2	103.4	111.9	91.2	154.4
Nov	115.6	-0.8 0.3	103.4	112.1	91.2	154.3
Dec	115.8	0.2 0.7	103.4	112.2	91.1	154.1
2002						
Jan	116.3	0.4 0.9	102.8	112.2	90.7	149.6
Feb	116.6	0.3 2.4	102.9	112.5	90.7	149.5
Mar	117.4	0.7 3.0	102.7	112.6	90.4	149.7
Apr	118.4	0.9 2.3	103.3	112.8	91.3	149.9
May	119.0	0.5 2.3	103.6	113.0	91.6	149.8
Jun	119.0	0.0 1.7	103.5	113.1	91.4	149.8
Jul	119.2	0.2 1.9	103.6	113.3	91.4	150.1
Aug	119.3	0.1 2.0	103.5	113.4	91.2	150.1
Sep						
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Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1998	110.0	0.3	98.8	109.5	90.9	108.0
1999	111.1	1.0	98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7	99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2001		Month Year				
Jan	113.8	-0.1 2.4	100.3	110.9	89.9	123.0
Feb	111.3	-2.2 0.0	91.3	110.9	89.9	48.4
Mar	112.4	1.0 0.2	95.4	111.0	90.0	81.9
Apr	114.2	1.6 1.7	100.0	111.2	90.0	119.5
May	114.8	0.5 1.9	99.9	111.2	89.8	119.3
Jun	115.4	0.5 2.0	99.8	111.3	89.7	119.3
Jul	115.4	0.0 1.5	99.7	111.3	89.4	119.3
Aug	115.2	-0.2 1.4	99.7	111.4	89.4	119.3
Sep	115.7	0.4 1.6	99.7	111.4	89.3	120.1
Oct	115.2	-0.4 1.1	100.3	111.6	90.4	118.8
Nov	114.4	-0.7 0.3	100.2	112.1	90.2	118.2
Dec	114.3	-0.1 0.4	100.0	112.2	90.0	116.5
2002						
Jan	114.9	0.5 1.0	100.1	112.3	89.7	119.1
Feb	115.4	0.4 3.7	100.0	112.6	89.6	118.3
Mar	116.1	0.6 3.3	99.9	112.6	89.3	118.6
Apr	117.1	0.9 2.5	100.2	112.7	89.5	120.2
May	117.6	0.4 2.4	100.4	113.0	89.6	120.5
Jun	117.8	0.2 2.1	100.9	113.1	90.3	120.5
Jul	118.1	0.3 2.3	101.0	113.4	90.4	120.5
Aug	118.3	0.2 2.7	101.0	113.4	90.3	120.5
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Consumer Price Index — September 2002

Highlights

- BC consumers paid 1.8% more in September than in September 2001, following a 2.2% rise in August from August 2001. New Brunswick consumers experienced the greatest increase in prices (4.1%), while Manitoba reported the smallest price increases in the country (1.2%). Canada's inflation rate was 2.3% over the same period.

- Of the metropolitan areas, price increases from September 2001 ranged from a high of 3.9% in Saint John, to a low of 1.3% in Winnipeg. Prices rose 1.8% in Vancouver and 2.3% in Victoria over the same period.

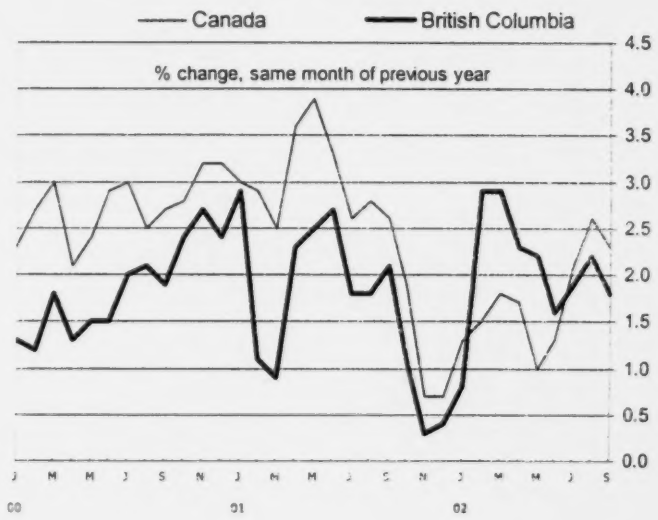
- BC's energy prices, which include natural gas, home heating oil, electricity and gasoline, dropped 3.7% from last September. Prices for natural gas (-13.1%), fuel oil (-5.7%), and gasoline (-1.8%) all showed declines while electricity prices are up slightly (+0.4%) from last September.

- Increases in provincial and federal taxes on cigarettes continue to exert strong upward pressure on BC's All-Items CPI – prices on cigarettes rose 30.9% from last September. Also contributing to inflation in BC from last September were higher costs for education (+15.3%) – average tuition fees increased 21.1%, fresh fruit (+7.6%), public transportation – both local & commuter (+7.4%) and inter-city (+6.9%), and reading material (+5.1%). Lower prices for children's clothing (-8.4%), men's clothing (-4.2%), and coffee & tea (-2.9%) helped offset these increases.

- BC's consumer price index, excluding food and energy, rose 2.5% from last September. The comparable figure for Canada was 3.0%.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	September 2002	August 2002	September 2001
Canada	120.1	0.0	2.3
BC	118.8	0.1	1.8
Vancouver	119.6	0.3	1.8
Victoria	118.4	0.1	2.3

BC and Canada Inflation trends drop



1992=100	Latest 12-month Average Index	Latest 12-month Average % Change
Canada	117.9	1.6
BC	117.0	1.7
Vancouver	117.7	1.7
Victoria	116.5	2.0

Note:
Statistics Canada will release the October issue of the Consumer Price Index on November 21, 2002.

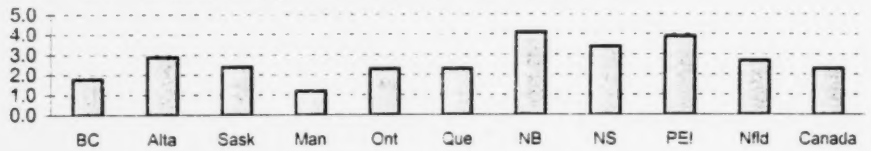
September 2002 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index September 2002	% change August 2002	% change September 2001	Index September 2002	% change August 2002	% change September 2001
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**118.8**	**0.1**	**1.8**	**120.1**	**0.0**	**2.3**
Food	**119.8**	**-0.9**	**2.0**	**119.2**	**-0.8**	**2.0**
Food Purchased From Stores	116.9	-1.4	1.4	118.0	-1.2	1.6
Meat	124.6	-1.5	-1.0	127.0	-0.5	-0.3
Fish & Other Seafood	131.2	1.4	0.1	124.4	0.6	0.6
Dairy Products & Eggs	122.6	-0.3	3.4	120.7	0.2	3.1
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	115.7	0.7	2.2	120.7	-0.3	1.7
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	103.9	-4.6	3.6	109.2	-2.0	3.8
Fresh Fruit	100.8	-4.9	7.6	112.4	-2.7	5.6
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	97.2	-6.4	3.5	100.1	-9.4	3.1
Fresh Vegetables	92.4	-8.5	3.6	98.5	-12.4	3.6
Other Food Products	120.9	-0.1	0.2	117.2	0.2	0.9
Coffee & Tea	126.0	-2.8	-2.9	122.5	-1.3	-4.7
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	84.3	4.5	-1.1	102.8	2.2	0.7
Food Purchased From Restaurants	126.1	0.1	3.1	122.8	0.1	2.8
Shelter	**102.0**	**-0.1**	**-0.4**	**114.6**	**0.4**	**1.1**
Rented Accommodation	113.8	0.0	1.4	116.0	0.1	2.0
Owned Accommodation	89.7	-0.1	0.0	107.8	0.0	1.5
Property taxes	136.9	0.0	1.8	120.5	0.0	1.6
Water, Fuel & Electricity	140.6	0.1	-5.1	136.1	1.5	-1.7
Electricity	106.5	0.0	0.4	128.9	-0.2	12.8
Piped Gas	198.6	0.0	-13.1	155.4	5.2	-25.8
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	136.2	3.0	-5.7	135.1	3.8	-3.4
Household Operations & Furnishings	**121.0**	**0.0**	**1.2**	**113.8**	**-0.4**	**0.5**
Household Operations	125.3	0.3	1.1	117.7	-0.1	1.0
Household Furnishings	114.0	-0.7	1.2	108.0	-0.9	-0.2
Clothing & Footwear	**113.6**	**2.8**	**-1.4**	**107.3**	**2.2**	**-0.6**
Clothing	111.7	3.7	-2.4	106.6	2.7	-0.8
Women's Clothing	114.3	4.7	-0.1	108.1	4.1	0.2
Men's Clothing	110.5	3.3	-4.2	104.8	1.1	-2.0
Children's Clothing	101.8	-0.4	-8.4	103.5	0.0	-2.5
Footwear	112.4	2.4	-1.7	107.0	1.6	-0.4
Transportation	**137.6**	**-0.1**	**2.6**	**136.8**	**-0.1**	**2.9**
Private Transportation	132.8	0.4	1.9	133.8	0.1	2.6
Operation of Motor Vehicles	135.1	0.5	3.8	137.5	0.1	4.8
Gasoline	144.5	1.3	-1.8	133.9	0.2	-1.2
Public Transportation	181.2	-2.7	7.0	170.8	-2.2	5.0
Local & Commuter	141.3	0.0	7.4	137.4	0.0	1.9
Inter-City	197.7	-3.4	6.9	197.3	-3.5	6.8
Health & Personal Care	**122.4**	**-0.5**	**2.2**	**115.7**	**0.1**	**1.3**
Health Care	125.8	-0.2	2.9	120.6	0.2	1.8
Personal Care	118.8	-0.9	1.3	112.1	0.0	0.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	**128.6**	**1.2**	**3.5**	**128.7**	**0.2**	**2.1**
Recreation	121.9	-0.8	1.3	118.2	-0.7	1.4
Education & Reading	153.3	8.8	12.2	166.6	2.8	4.6
Education	157.1	13.8	15.3	182.7	4.0	4.5
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	144.0	-2.0	5.1	137.0	-0.4	5.0
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**130.5**	**0.1**	**15.5**	**129.9**	**0.1**	**22.0**
Alcoholic Beverages	118.9	0.1	2.3	119.6	0.3	2.9
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	116.0	0.0	1.8	119.6	0.3	2.7
Beer Purchased from Stores	131.7	0.0	4.9	127.3	0.6	3.7
Liquor Purchased from Stores	102.6	0.1	0.2	108.2	0.1	1.6
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	138.5	0.0	31.2	124.3	0.0	39.5
Cigarettes	138.4	0.0	30.9	123.2	0.0	39.7
All-Items Excluding Food	118.6	0.3	1.8	120.4	0.2	2.5
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	116.3	0.0	1.3	120.5	0.0	1.6
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	116.7	0.3	2.5	118.7	0.2	3.0

September 2002 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

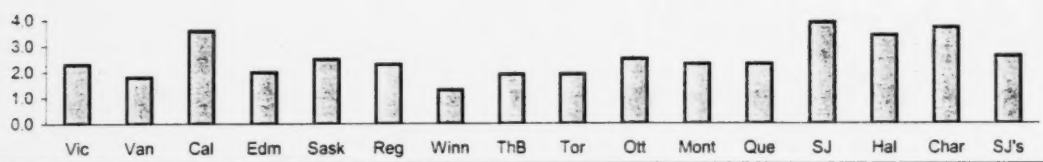
Provinces	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	September 2002	August 2002	September 2001	2001	2000	2000/01
Canada	120.1	0.0	2.3	116.4	113.5	2.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	118.1	0.3	2.7	114.5	113.3	1.1
Prince Edward Island	119.2	0.3	3.9	114.6	111.7	2.6
Nova Scotia	121.2	0.4	3.4	116.3	114.2	1.8
New Brunswick	120.1	0.2	4.1	114.7	112.8	1.7
Quebec	116.3	0.0	2.3	113.2	110.6	2.4
Ontario	121.2	-0.4	2.3	117.7	114.2	3.1
Manitoba	123.9	-0.2	1.2	121.2	118.1	2.6
Saskatchewan	125.0	0.5	2.4	120.3	116.7	3.1
Alberta	125.9	1.3	2.9	120.1	117.4	2.3
British Columbia	**118.8**	**0.1**	**1.8**	**115.2**	**113.3**	**1.7**
Whitehorse	118.8	-0.1	0.3	116.9	114.6	2.0
Yellowknife	117.7	0.3	3.0	113.0	111.2	1.6

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	September 2002	August 2002	September 2001	2001	2000	2000/01
St. John's	118.1	0.3	2.6	114.5	113.2	1.1
Charlottetown	118.5	0.3	3.7	114.2	111.4	2.5
Halifax	120.4	0.3	3.4	115.5	113.2	2.0
Saint John	119.7	0.2	3.9	114.5	112.5	1.8
Quebec City	117.0	-0.1	2.3	113.8	111.3	2.2
Montreal	116.4	-0.1	2.3	113.4	110.7	2.4
Ottawa	123.1	-0.3	2.5	119.3	115.6	3.2
Toronto	121.0	-0.5	1.9	118.1	114.5	3.1
Thunder Bay	120.9	-0.3	1.9	117.5	114.3	2.8
Winnipeg	124.2	-0.1	1.3	121.5	118.1	2.9
Regina	125.9	0.5	2.3	121.3	117.7	3.1
Saskatoon	124.4	0.4	2.5	119.7	116.3	2.9
Edmonton	123.3	1.0	2.0	118.4	115.9	2.2
Calgary	127.8	1.8	3.6	121.3	118.4	2.4
Vancouver	**119.6**	**0.3**	**1.8**	**116.0**	**113.9**	**1.8**
Victoria	**118.4**	**0.1**	**2.3**	**114.3**	**113.0**	**1.2**

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



September 2002 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1998	110.0	0.3		112.5	98.6	113.9	108.9	119.4	112.1	118.1	108.6
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2001		Month	Year								
Jan	114.5	0.2	2.9	115.3	102.1	115.9	111.9	131.1	118.0	120.2	110.9
Feb	112.6	-1.7	1.1	115.5	95.0	117.0	113.6	129.8	118.8	121.5	110.8
Mar	113.3	0.6	0.9	116.0	98.0	117.3	112.9	128.0	118.6	121.7	111.1
Apr	115.0	1.5	2.3	116.9	102.2	116.8	113.2	129.8	119.5	121.7	111.0
May	115.6	0.5	2.5	118.2	102.4	117.0	110.8	130.8	119.3	123.9	112.1
Jun	116.3	0.6	2.7	117.7	102.4	117.7	111.6	133.6	120.2	125.5	112.1
Jul	116.3	0.0	1.8	118.5	102.3	117.9	114.3	131.8	120.1	125.2	112.1
Aug	116.1	-0.2	1.8	118.4	102.3	117.9	112.7	131.3	119.2	125.2	113.0
Sep	116.7	0.5	2.1	117.4	102.4	119.6	115.2	134.1	119.8	124.2	113.0
Oct	115.8	-0.8	1.1	117.8	101.8	119.4	113.3	132.0	120.8	121.8	112.7
Nov	114.9	-0.8	0.3	118.0	101.8	119.4	111.3	127.5	121.0	120.3	114.0
Dec	114.8	-0.1	0.4	119.4	101.6	120.2	110.1	125.7	120.6	120.5	114.8
2002											
Jan	115.4	0.5	0.8	120.4	101.3	120.2	112.2	128.1	120.1	120.1	115.0
Feb	115.9	0.4	2.9	120.4	101.3	120.3	115.3	128.3	120.8	121.3	117.9
Mar	116.6	0.6	2.9	120.0	101.1	120.8	116.2	131.4	120.5	121.4	123.4
Apr	117.7	0.9	2.3	121.5	101.6	121.4	114.2	135.0	122.0	121.7	123.9
May	118.1	0.3	2.2	120.9	101.8	121.2	112.8	135.9	122.0	125.4	126.2
Jun	118.2	0.1	1.6	121.0	102.0	120.9	111.1	136.0	122.5	126.1	127.8
Jul	118.5	0.3	1.9	120.3	102.1	121.1	110.7	137.2	121.7	127.2	129.9
Aug	118.7	0.2	2.2	120.9	102.1	121.0	110.5	137.7	123.0	127.1	130.4
Sep	118.8	0.1	1.8	119.8	102.0	121.0	113.6	137.6	122.4	128.6	130.5
Oct											
Nov											
Dec											

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1998	108.6	0.9		109.3	103.7	108.2	103.9	120.5	108.1	117.5	92.6
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2001		Month	Year								
Jan	114.7	-0.3	3.0	114.7	111.0	110.5	104.8	131.2	113.1	121.4	99.2
Feb	115.2	0.4	2.9	115.6	110.8	111.0	106.5	131.5	113.6	122.9	99.4
Mar	115.6	0.3	2.5	116.6	111.9	111.3	107.9	130.1	113.5	123.5	99.4
Apr	116.4	0.7	3.6	117.0	112.5	112.0	106.5	132.1	114.0	123.9	103.3
May	117.4	0.9	3.9	117.9	113.8	112.2	104.9	134.0	114.4	125.3	105.2
Jun	117.5	0.1	3.3	118.1	114.2	112.4	104.5	133.0	114.9	125.6	105.4
Jul	117.1	-0.3	2.6	118.6	113.7	112.4	105.8	130.4	114.8	126.2	105.7
Aug	117.1	0.0	2.8	117.7	113.7	112.5	106.6	130.9	114.2	126.2	106.4
Sep	117.4	0.3	2.6	116.9	113.4	113.2	107.9	133.0	114.2	126.0	106.5
Oct	116.8	-0.5	1.9	116.8	113.6	113.0	107.2	130.3	115.0	124.5	106.8
Nov	115.8	-0.9	0.7	117.3	112.0	112.7	105.2	126.9	114.7	123.2	111.7
Dec	115.9	0.1	0.7	118.6	112.6	113.0	103.7	126.0	114.5	122.9	111.9
2002											
Jan	116.2	0.3	1.3	120.0	113.0	112.9	102.3	126.9	114.3	122.3	112.2
Feb	116.9	0.6	1.5	120.6	113.1	113.1	105.4	127.5	114.8	124.1	112.9
Mar	117.7	0.7	1.8	120.4	113.1	113.7	107.1	130.5	114.5	124.9	114.1
Apr	118.4	0.6	1.7	120.9	112.8	113.9	106.6	133.8	115.3	124.7	116.8
May	118.6	0.2	1.0	120.4	113.1	113.8	104.6	134.1	115.7	126.8	118.8
Jun	119.0	0.3	1.3	120.9	113.1	114.0	104.2	134.0	115.9	127.2	124.1
Jul	119.6	0.5	2.1	120.9	113.2	114.2	105.0	135.4	115.4	128.4	129.5
Aug	120.1	0.4	2.6	120.2	114.2	114.3	105.0	137.0	115.6	128.5	129.8
Sep	120.1	0.0	2.3	119.2	114.6	113.8	107.3	136.8	115.7	128.7	129.9
Oct											
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September 2002 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	1998	109.7	91.0	116.7	103.8	104.6	98.5	103.7	109.5	108.2	110.1
	1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8
	2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
2001	Jan	111.2	89.6	228.6	152.4	106.1	134.2	139.5	114.4	112.7	112.1
	Feb	111.3	89.7	228.6	147.5	0.0	135.3	108.3	112.0	110.7	112.4
	Mar	111.5	89.8	228.6	143.8	42.3	132.3	119.2	112.7	111.4	112.1
	Apr	111.6	89.7	228.6	140.2	106.1	135.4	139.7	114.6	113.2	112.4
	May	111.7	90.0	228.6	140.8	106.1	140.2	142.3	115.1	113.8	112.7
	Jun	111.8	89.9	228.6	140.8	106.1	149.5	147.2	116.1	114.5	113.3
	Jul	112.0	89.6	228.6	140.8	106.1	133.7	139.0	115.8	114.4	113.8
	Aug	112.1	89.7	228.6	140.8	106.1	131.5	137.8	115.6	114.2	113.6
	Sep	112.2	89.7	228.6	144.5	106.1	147.2	146.2	116.5	114.8	113.9
	Oct	112.4	89.8	205.6	138.6	106.1	138.5	138.4	115.4	113.9	113.4
	Nov	112.5	89.7	205.6	136.0	106.1	122.0	129.7	114.2	112.9	112.9
	Dec	112.7	89.6	205.6	126.1	106.1	112.1	124.0	113.9	112.8	113.0
2002	Jan	112.7	89.2	198.6	123.7	106.1	113.2	123.7	114.3	113.4	113.5
	Feb	112.9	89.2	198.6	119.3	106.1	113.4	123.6	114.9	113.8	114.1
	Mar	113.0	88.9	198.6	121.6	106.1	126.4	130.5	115.9	114.3	114.6
	Apr	113.1	89.4	198.6	130.8	106.1	137.3	136.6	116.9	115.4	115.1
	May	113.3	89.6	198.6	132.2	106.1	139.9	138.0	117.6	115.8	115.7
	Jun	113.5	90.0	198.6	132.2	106.1	140.4	138.3	117.7	115.9	115.9
	Jul	113.6	89.9	198.6	132.2	106.5	141.8	139.3	118.2	116.1	116.3
	Aug	113.8	89.8	198.6	132.2	106.5	142.6	139.7	118.3	116.3	116.4
	Sep	113.8	89.7	198.6	136.2	106.5	144.5	140.8	118.6	116.3	116.7
	Oct										
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	Dec										

[1] *electricity figures for February and March 2001 reflect BC Hydro rebates*

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1998	109.1	99.2	119.1	100.8	107.8	99.1	104.3	108.6	110.1	108.9
	1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
	2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
2001	Jan	112.3	104.7	178.3	162.7	107.9	131.2	130.9	114.7	116.1	112.8
	Feb	112.5	105.0	191.9	156.2	99.9	132.1	129.9	115.2	116.6	113.4
	Mar	112.6	105.2	212.5	150.2	104.3	129.0	131.6	115.5	117.1	113.5
	Apr	112.8	105.5	209.4	146.0	110.4	136.1	136.4	116.3	117.8	113.9
	May	113.0	105.8	240.0	144.5	111.1	143.5	143.5	117.4	118.7	114.3
	Jun	113.1	105.8	242.4	144.5	114.0	137.4	141.7	117.4	118.8	114.5
	Jul	113.3	105.9	222.0	144.5	114.3	124.2	133.1	116.9	118.4	114.9
	Aug	113.5	106.1	217.1	144.5	114.3	125.9	133.4	117.0	118.4	115.1
	Sep	113.7	106.2	209.3	139.9	114.3	135.5	137.0	117.5	118.6	115.2
	Oct	114.0	106.8	206.5	135.1	114.3	124.7	131.0	116.9	118.0	115.1
	Nov	114.1	106.7	160.2	130.5	114.3	112.2	119.5	115.5	116.7	114.9
	Dec	114.3	106.6	182.4	123.3	114.3	107.6	119.1	115.4	116.9	114.8
2002	Jan	114.4	106.5	191.2	120.5	116.3	110.3	121.8	115.5	117.2	114.7
	Feb	114.6	106.6	190.5	119.7	116.1	111.8	122.4	116.2	117.9	115.4
	Mar	114.7	106.7	176.6	122.7	119.3	122.1	127.2	117.2	118.7	116.0
	Apr	115.0	107.1	153.9	130.2	119.4	130.4	129.4	117.9	119.3	116.5
	May	115.2	107.4	155.4	130.1	119.4	128.0	128.4	118.3	119.4	117.0
	Jun	115.4	107.7	153.9	130.1	117.2	126.9	127.0	118.6	119.5	117.5
	Jul	115.6	107.7	145.2	130.1	121.0	130.4	129.0	119.4	120.0	118.2
	Aug	115.9	107.8	147.7	130.1	129.2	133.6	133.4	120.2	120.5	118.5
	Sep	116.0	107.8	155.4	135.1	128.9	133.9	134.6	120.4	120.5	118.7
	Oct										
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	Dec										

* *Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1998	110.4	0.5	99.4	109.2	92.0	112.5
1999	111.4	0.9	99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2	100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2001		Month / Year				
Jan	115.3	0.3 / 3.3	103.8	110.7	91.1	164.2
Feb	113.9	-1.2 / 1.9	98.7	110.9	91.3	103.9
Mar	114.0	0.1 / 1.1	100.2	111.0	91.4	120.2
Apr	115.7	1.5 / 2.5	104.0	111.2	91.1	164.2
May	116.3	0.5 / 2.6	104.5	111.4	91.8	164.2
Jun	117.0	0.6 / 2.8	104.4	111.5	91.7	164.2
Jul	117.0	0.0 / 1.8	104.3	111.7	91.5	164.3
Aug	117.0	0.0 / 1.8	104.4	111.8	91.6	164.3
Sep	117.5	0.4 / 2.1	104.5	111.9	91.7	164.2
Oct	116.5	-0.9 / 1.2	103.4	111.9	91.2	154.4
Nov	115.6	-0.8 / 0.3	103.4	112.1	91.2	154.3
Dec	115.8	0.2 / 0.7	103.4	112.2	91.1	154.1
2002						
Jan	116.3	0.4 / 0.9	102.8	112.2	90.7	149.6
Feb	116.6	0.3 / 2.4	102.9	112.5	90.7	149.5
Mar	117.4	0.7 / 3.0	102.7	112.6	90.4	149.7
Apr	118.4	0.9 / 2.3	103.3	112.8	91.3	149.9
May	119.0	0.5 / 2.3	103.6	113.0	91.6	149.8
Jun	119.0	0.0 / 1.7	103.5	113.1	91.4	149.8
Jul	119.2	0.2 / 1.9	103.6	113.3	91.4	150.1
Aug	119.3	0.1 / 2.0	103.5	113.4	91.2	150.1
Sep	119.6	0.3 / 1.8	103.5	113.5	91.1	150.3
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1998	110.0	0.3	98.8	109.5	90.9	108.0
1999	111.1	1.0	98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7	99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2001		Month / Year				
Jan	113.8	-0.1 / 2.4	100.3	110.9	89.9	123.0
Feb	111.3	-2.2 / 0.0	91.3	110.9	89.9	48.4
Mar	112.4	1.0 / 0.2	95.4	111.0	90.0	81.9
Apr	114.2	1.6 / 1.7	100.0	111.2	90.0	119.5
May	114.8	0.5 / 1.9	99.9	111.2	89.8	119.3
Jun	115.4	0.5 / 2.0	99.8	111.3	89.7	119.3
Jul	115.4	0.0 / 1.5	99.7	111.3	89.4	119.3
Aug	115.2	-0.2 / 1.4	99.7	111.4	89.4	119.3
Sep	115.7	0.4 / 1.6	99.7	111.4	89.3	120.1
Oct	115.2	-0.4 / 1.1	100.3	111.6	90.4	118.8
Nov	114.4	-0.7 / 0.3	100.2	112.1	90.2	118.2
Dec	114.3	-0.1 / 0.4	100.0	112.2	90.0	116.5
2002						
Jan	114.9	0.5 / 1.0	100.1	112.3	89.7	119.1
Feb	115.4	0.4 / 3.7	100.0	112.6	89.6	118.3
Mar	116.1	0.6 / 3.3	99.9	112.6	89.3	118.6
Apr	117.1	0.9 / 2.5	100.2	112.7	89.5	120.2
May	117.6	0.4 / 2.4	100.4	113.0	89.6	120.5
Jun	117.8	0.2 / 2.1	100.9	113.1	90.3	120.5
Jul	118.1	0.3 / 2.3	101.0	113.4	90.4	120.5
Aug	118.3	0.2 / 2.7	101.0	113.4	90.3	120.5
Sep	118.4	0.1 / 2.3	100.9	113.5	90.1	121.0
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Consumer Price Index ◆ October 2002

Highlights

- BC consumers paid 2.5% more in October 2002 compared to October 2001, following a 1.8% year-over-year rise in September. Alberta experienced the greatest price increases (5.2%), while Manitoba reported the smallest price increases in the country (1.9%). Canada's inflation rate was 3.2% over the same period.

- Of the metropolitan areas, price increases from October 2001 ranged from a high of 5.2% in Edmonton to a low of 1.8% in Winnipeg. Prices in both Vancouver and Victoria rose 2.7% over the same period.

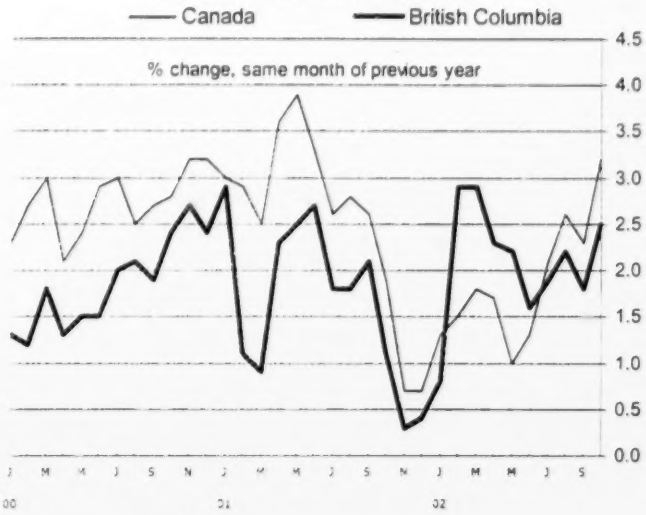
- BC's energy prices, which include natural gas, home heating oil, electricity and gasoline, rose 2.7% from last October. Prices for natural gas declined (-3.4%), while prices for gasoline (+5.8%), fuel oil (+1.9%), and electricity (+0.4%) all rose from last October.

- Increases in provincial and federal taxes on cigarettes continue to push up BC's All-Items CPI - prices on cigarettes rose 33.2% from last October. Also contributing to inflation in BC from last October were higher costs for education (+15.2%), due to tuition fee increases, public transportation – both local & commuter (+7.4%) and inter-city (+7.2%), beer purchased from stores (+4.9%), and reading material (+3.4%). Lower prices for coffee & tea (-4.7%), non-alcoholic beverages (-2.6%), and men's clothing (-1.8%) helped offset these increases.

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, rose 2.8% from last October. The comparable figure for Canada was 3.3%.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	October 2002	September 2002	October 2001
Canada	120.5	0.3	3.2
BC	118.7	-0.1	2.5
Vancouver	119.6	0.0	2.7
Victoria	118.3	-0.1	2.7

BC and Canada in tandem



1992=100	Latest 12-month Average Index	Latest 12-month Average % Change
Canada	118.2	1.7
BC	117.2	1.8
Vancouver	118.0	1.8
Victoria	116.7	2.1

Note:
Statistics Canada will release the November Consumer Price Index on December 20, 2002.

October 2002 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index October 2002	% change September 2002	% change October 2001	Index October 2002	% change September 2002	% change October 2001
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**118.7**	**-0.1**	**2.5**	**120.5**	**0.3**	**3.2**
Food	**119.1**	**-0.6**	**1.1**	**118.5**	**-0.6**	**1.5**
Food Purchased From Stores	115.9	-0.9	0.3	117.1	-0.8	1.1
Meat	124.0	-0.5	-1.2	125.9	-0.9	-0.3
Fish & Other Seafood	128.8	-1.8	-0.6	123.0	-1.1	0.0
Dairy Products & Eggs	123.0	0.3	3.1	120.6	-0.1	3.3
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	114.4	-1.1	-1.0	120.9	0.2	1.3
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	104.8	0.9	1.7	108.2	-0.9	3.3
Fresh Fruit	102.6	1.8	0.8	111.3	-1.0	6
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	93.8	-3.5	1.6	97.4	-2.7	0.9
Fresh Vegetables	89.3	-3.4	1.5	96.0	-2.5	1.1
Other Food Products	119.2	-1.4	-0.2	116.4	-0.7	0.1
Coffee & Tea	124.8	-1.0	-4.7	122.4	-0.1	-3.8
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	79.1	-6.2	-2.6	98.9	-3.8	-1.8
Food Purchased From Restaurants	126.1	0.0	2.6	122.8	0.0	2.5
Shelter	**102.4**	**0.4**	**0.6**	**115.8**	**1.0**	**1.9**
Rented Accommodation	114.0	0.2	1.4	116.2	0.2	1.9
Owned Accommodation	90.1	0.4	0.3	108.4	0.6	1.5
Property taxes	141.7	3.5	3.5	123.1	2.2	2.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	141.0	0.3	-0.4	141.2	3.7	2.8
Electricity	106.5	0.0	0.4	125.5	-2.6	9.8
Piped Gas	198.6	0.0	-3.4	184.2	18.5	-10.8
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	141.2	3.7	1.9	144.2	6.7	6.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	**121.1**	**0.1**	**1.4**	**113.9**	**0.1**	**0.8**
Household Operations	126.1	-0.2	0.8	117.7	0.0	1.0
Household Furnishings	114.8	0.7	2.7	108.1	0.1	0.3
Clothing & Footwear	**114.0**	**0.4**	**0.6**	**107.1**	**-0.2**	**-0.1**
Clothing	111.8	0.1	0.0	106.3	-0.3	0.0
Women's Clothing	112.8	-1.3	1.4	106.1	-1.9	0.3
Men's Clothing	111.9	1.3	-1.8	106.3	1.4	-0.5
Children's Clothing	106.6	4.7	-1.2	106.6	3.0	0.0
Footwear	114.6	2.0	-0.1	106.8	-0.2	-1.6
Transportation	**137.7**	**0.1**	**4.3**	**137.9**	**0.8**	**5.8**
Private Transportation	133.3	0.4	3.9	135.2	1.0	5.9
Operation of Motor Vehicles	135.9	0.6	7.0	139.8	1.7	10.3
Gasoline	146.5	1.4	5.8	136.0	1.6	9.1
Public Transportation	178.6	-1.4	7.3	168.6	-1.3	5.3
Local & Commuter	141.3	0.0	7.4	137.4	0.0	1.9
Inter-City	193.9	-1.9	7.2	193.5	-1.9	7.3
Health & Personal Care	**123.3**	**0.7**	**2.1**	**116.2**	**0.4**	**1.0**
Health Care	126.2	0.3	3.2	120.8	0.2	1.8
Personal Care	120.3	1.3	1.0	112.8	0.6	0.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	**126.6**	**-1.6**	**3.9**	**127.7**	**-0.8**	**2.6**
Recreation	119.4	-2.1	1.8	116.9	-1.1	1.9
Education & Reading	153.4	0.1	11.6	166.8	0.1	4.5
Education	157.1	0.0	15.2	182.8	0.1	4.8
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	144.3	0.2	3.4	137.2	0.1	3.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**131.2**	**0.5**	**16.4**	**131.2**	**1.0**	**22.8**
Alcoholic Beverages	118.5	-0.3	2.2	119.3	-0.3	2.2
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	115.3	-0.6	1.7	119.2	-0.3	1.8
Beer Purchased from Stores	131.7	0.0	4.9	126.6	-0.5	1.9
Liquor Purchased from Stores	101.8	-0.8	-0.2	108.0	-0.2	1.1
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	140.4	1.4	33.3	126.5	1.8	42.0
Cigarettes	140.3	1.4	33.2	125.4	1.8	42.0
All-Items Excluding Food	118.7	0.1	2.9	121.0	0.5	3.5
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	116.2	-0.1	2.0	120.8	0.2	2.4
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	116.6	-0.1	2.8	118.9	0.2	3.3

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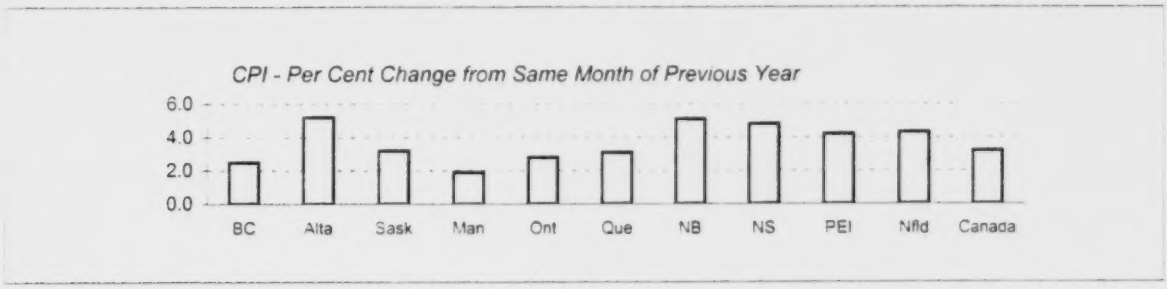
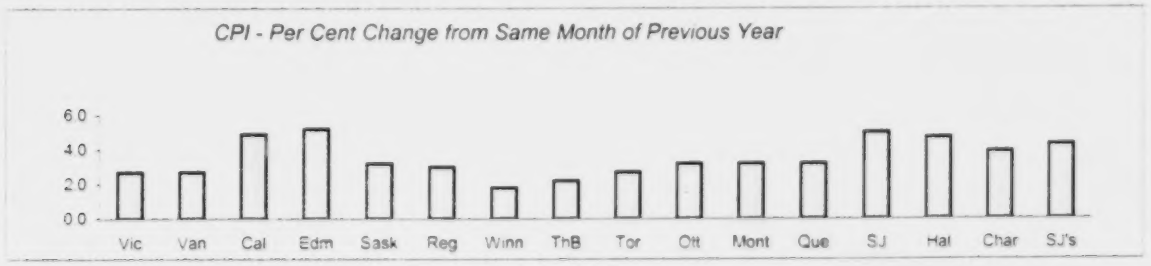
Provinces	Monthly Index		% Chg	Annual Index		% Chg
	October 2002	September 2002	October 2001	2001	2000	2000/01
Canada	120.5	0.3	3.2	116.4	113.5	2.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	119.2	0.9	4.3	114.5	113.3	1.1
Prince Edward Island	120.3	0.9	4.2	114.6	111.7	2.6
Nova Scotia	122.0	0.7	4.8	116.3	114.2	1.8
New Brunswick	120.6	0.4	5.1	114.7	112.8	1.7
Quebec	116.7	0.3	3.1	113.2	110.6	2.4
Ontario	121.5	0.2	2.8	117.7	114.2	3.1
Manitoba	123.8	-0.1	1.9	121.2	118.1	2.6
Saskatchewan	125.1	0.1	3.2	120.3	116.7	3.1
Alberta	127.3	1.1	5.2	120.1	117.4	2.3
British Columbia	**118.7**	**-0.1**	**2.5**	**115.2**	**113.3**	**1.7**
Whitehorse	118.8	0.0	1.1	116.9	114.6	2.0
Yellowknife	117.6	-0.1	3.6	113.0	111.2	1.6



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index		% Chg	Annual Index		% Chg
	October 2002	September 2002	October 2001	2001	2000	2000/01
St. John's	119.3	1.0	4.3	114.5	113.2	1.1
Charlottetown	119.6	0.9	3.9	114.2	111.4	2.5
Halifax	121.1	0.6	4.7	115.5	113.2	2.0
Saint John	120.3	0.5	5.0	114.5	112.5	1.8
Quebec City	117.4	0.3	3.2	113.8	111.3	2.2
Montreal	116.9	0.4	3.2	113.4	110.7	2.4
Ottawa	123.2	0.1	3.2	119.3	115.6	3.2
Toronto	121.7	0.6	2.7	118.1	114.5	3.1
Thunder Bay	120.7	-0.2	2.2	117.5	114.3	2.8
Winnipeg	123.9	-0.2	1.8	121.5	118.1	2.9
Regina	125.9	0.0	3.0	121.3	117.7	3.1
Saskatoon	124.4	0.0	3.2	119.7	116.3	2.9
Edmonton	125.6	1.9	5.2	118.4	115.9	2.2
Calgary	128.2	0.3	4.9	121.3	118.4	2.4
Vancouver	**119.6**	**0.0**	**2.7**	**116.0**	**113.9**	**1.8**
Victoria	**118.3**	**-0.1**	**2.7**	**114.3**	**113.0**	**1.2**



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British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1998	110.0	0.3		112.5	98.6	113.9	108.9	119.4	112.1	118.1	108.6
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2001		Month	Year								
Jan	114.5	0.2	2.9	115.3	102.1	115.9	111.9	131.1	118.0	120.2	110.9
Feb	112.6	-1.7	1.1	115.5	95.0	117.0	113.6	120.8	118.8	121.5	110.8
Mar	113.3	0.6	0.9	116.0	98.0	117.3	112.9	128.0	118.6	121.7	111.1
Apr	115.0	1.5	2.3	116.9	102.2	116.8	113.2	129.8	119.5	121.7	111.0
May	115.6	0.5	2.5	118.2	102.4	117.0	110.8	130.8	119.3	123.9	112.1
Jun	116.3	0.6	2.7	117.7	102.4	117.7	111.6	133.6	120.2	125.5	112.1
Jul	116.3	0.0	1.8	118.5	102.3	117.9	114.3	131.8	120.1	125.2	112.1
Aug	116.1	-0.2	1.8	118.4	102.3	117.9	112.7	131.3	119.2	125.2	113.0
Sep	116.7	0.5	2.1	117.4	102.4	119.6	115.2	134.1	119.8	124.2	113.0
Oct	115.8	-0.8	1.1	117.8	101.8	119.4	113.3	132.0	120.8	121.8	112.7
Nov	114.9	-0.8	0.3	118.0	101.8	119.4	111.3	127.5	121.0	120.3	114.0
Dec	114.8	-0.1	0.4	119.4	101.6	120.2	110.1	125.7	120.6	120.5	114.8
2002											
Jan	115.4	0.5	0.8	120.4	101.3	120.2	112.2	128.1	120.1	120.1	115.0
Feb	115.9	0.4	2.9	120.4	101.3	120.3	115.3	128.3	120.8	121.3	117.9
Mar	116.6	0.6	2.9	120.0	101.1	120.8	116.2	131.4	120.5	121.4	123.4
Apr	117.7	0.9	2.3	121.5	101.6	121.4	114.2	135.0	122.0	121.7	123.9
May	118.1	0.3	2.2	120.9	101.8	121.2	112.8	135.9	122.0	125.4	126.2
Jun	118.2	0.1	1.6	121.0	102.0	120.9	111.1	136.0	122.5	126.1	127.8
Jul	118.5	0.3	1.9	120.3	102.1	121.1	110.7	137.2	121.7	127.2	129.9
Aug	118.7	0.2	2.2	120.9	102.1	121.0	110.5	137.7	123.0	127.1	130.4
Sep	118.8	0.1	1.8	119.8	102.0	121.0	113.6	137.6	122.4	128.6	130.5
Oct	118.7	-0.1	2.5	119.1	102.4	121.1	114.0	137.7	123.3	126.6	131.2
Nov											
Dec											

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1998	108.6	0.9		109.3	103.7	108.2	103.9	120.5	108.1	117.5	92.6
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2001		Month	Year								
Jan	114.7	-0.3	3.0	114.7	111.0	110.5	104.8	131.2	113.1	121.4	99.2
Feb	115.2	0.4	2.9	115.6	110.8	111.0	106.5	131.5	113.6	122.9	99.4
Mar	115.6	0.3	2.5	116.6	111.9	111.3	107.9	130.1	113.5	123.5	99.4
Apr	116.4	0.7	3.6	117.0	112.5	112.0	106.5	132.1	114.0	123.9	103.3
May	117.4	0.9	3.9	117.9	113.8	112.2	104.9	134.0	114.4	125.3	105.2
Jun	117.5	0.1	3.3	118.1	114.2	112.4	104.5	133.0	114.9	125.6	105.4
Jul	117.1	-0.3	2.6	118.6	113.7	112.4	105.8	130.4	114.8	126.2	105.7
Aug	117.1	0.0	2.8	117.7	113.7	112.5	106.6	130.9	114.2	126.2	106.4
Sep	117.4	0.3	2.6	116.9	113.4	113.2	107.9	133.0	114.2	126.0	106.5
Oct	116.8	-0.5	1.9	116.8	113.6	113.0	107.2	130.3	115.0	124.5	106.8
Nov	115.8	-0.9	0.7	117.3	112.0	112.7	105.2	126.9	114.7	123.2	111.7
Dec	115.9	0.1	0.7	118.6	112.6	113.0	103.7	126.0	114.5	122.9	111.9
2002											
Jan	116.2	0.3	1.3	120.0	113.0	112.9	102.3	126.9	114.3	122.3	112.2
Feb	116.9	0.6	1.5	120.6	113.1	113.1	105.4	127.5	114.8	124.1	112.9
Mar	117.7	0.7	1.8	120.4	113.1	113.7	107.1	130.5	114.5	124.9	114.1
Apr	118.4	0.6	1.7	120.9	112.8	113.9	106.6	133.8	115.3	124.7	116.8
May	118.6	0.2	1.0	120.4	113.1	113.8	104.6	134.1	115.7	126.8	118.8
Jun	119.0	0.3	1.3	120.9	113.1	114.0	104.2	134.0	115.9	127.2	124.1
Jul	119.6	0.5	2.1	120.9	113.2	114.2	105.0	135.4	115.4	128.4	129.5
Aug	120.1	0.4	2.6	120.2	114.2	114.3	105.0	137.0	115.6	128.5	129.8
Sep	120.1	0.0	2.3	119.2	114.6	113.8	107.3	136.8	115.7	128.7	129.9
Oct	120.5	0.3	3.2	118.5	115.8	113.9	107.1	137.9	116.2	127.7	131.2
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BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Fuel Oil/ Piped Gas	Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	1998	109.7	91.0	116.7	103.8	104.6	98.5	103.7	109.5	108.2	110.1
	1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8
	2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
2001	Jan	111.2	89.6	228.6	152.4	106.1	134.2	139.5	114.4	112.7	112.1
	Feb	111.3	89.7	228.6	147.5	0.0	135.3	108.3	112.0	110.7	112.4
	Mar	111.5	89.8	228.6	143.8	42.3	132.3	119.2	112.7	111.4	112.1
	Apr	111.6	89.7	228.6	140.2	106.1	135.4	139.7	114.6	113.2	112.4
	May	111.7	90.0	228.6	140.8	106.1	140.2	142.3	115.1	113.8	112.7
	Jun	111.8	89.9	228.6	140.8	106.1	149.5	147.2	116.1	114.5	113.3
	Jul	112.0	89.6	228.6	140.8	106.1	133.7	139.0	115.8	114.4	113.8
	Aug	112.1	89.7	228.6	140.8	106.1	131.5	137.8	115.6	114.2	113.6
	Sep	112.2	89.7	228.6	144.5	106.1	147.2	146.2	116.5	114.8	113.9
	Oct	112.4	89.8	205.6	138.6	106.1	138.5	138.4	115.4	113.9	113.4
	Nov	112.5	89.7	205.6	136.0	106.1	122.0	129.7	114.2	112.9	112.9
	Dec	112.7	89.6	205.6	126.1	106.1	112.1	124.0	113.9	112.8	113.0
2002	Jan	112.7	89.2	198.6	123.7	106.1	113.2	123.7	114.3	113.4	113.5
	Feb	112.9	89.2	198.6	119.3	106.1	113.4	123.6	114.9	113.8	114.1
	Mar	113.0	88.9	198.6	121.6	106.1	126.4	130.5	115.9	114.3	114.6
	Apr	113.1	89.4	198.6	130.8	106.1	137.3	136.6	116.9	115.4	115.1
	May	113.3	89.6	198.6	132.2	106.1	139.9	138.0	117.6	115.8	115.7
	Jun	113.5	90.0	198.6	132.2	106.1	140.4	138.3	117.7	115.9	115.9
	Jul	113.6	89.9	198.6	132.2	106.5	141.8	139.3	118.2	116.1	116.3
	Aug	113.8	89.8	198.6	132.2	106.5	142.6	139.7	118.3	116.3	116.4
	Sep	113.8	89.7	198.6	136.2	106.5	144.5	140.8	118.6	116.3	116.7
	Oct	114.0	90.1	198.6	141.2	106.5	146.5	142.1	118.7	116.2	116.6
	Nov										
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[1] *electricity figures for February and March 2001 reflect BC Hydro rebates*

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Fuel Oil/ Piped Gas	Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1998	109.1	99.2	119.1	100.8	107.8	99.1	104.3	108.6	110.1	108.9
	1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
	2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
2001	Jan	112.3	104.7	178.3	162.7	107.9	131.2	130.9	114.7	116.1	112.8
	Feb	112.5	105.0	191.9	156.2	99.9	132.1	129.9	115.2	116.6	113.4
	Mar	112.6	105.2	212.5	150.2	104.3	129.0	131.6	115.5	117.1	113.5
	Apr	112.8	105.5	209.4	146.0	110.4	136.1	136.4	116.3	117.8	113.9
	May	113.0	105.8	240.0	144.5	111.1	143.5	143.5	117.4	118.7	114.3
	Jun	113.1	105.8	242.4	144.5	114.0	137.4	141.7	117.4	118.8	114.5
	Jul	113.3	105.9	222.0	144.5	114.3	124.2	133.1	116.9	118.4	114.9
	Aug	113.5	106.1	217.1	144.5	114.3	125.9	133.4	117.0	118.4	115.1
	Sep	113.7	106.2	209.3	139.9	114.3	135.5	137.0	117.5	118.6	115.2
	Oct	114.0	106.8	206.5	135.1	114.3	124.7	131.0	116.9	118.0	115.1
	Nov	114.1	106.7	160.2	130.5	114.3	112.2	119.5	115.5	116.7	114.9
	Dec	114.3	106.6	182.4	123.3	114.3	107.6	119.1	115.4	116.9	114.8
2002	Jan	114.4	106.5	191.2	120.5	116.3	110.3	121.8	115.5	117.2	114.7
	Feb	114.6	106.6	190.5	119.7	116.1	111.8	122.4	116.2	117.9	115.4
	Mar	114.7	106.7	176.6	122.7	119.3	122.1	127.2	117.2	118.7	116.0
	Apr	115.0	107.1	153.9	130.2	119.4	130.4	129.4	117.9	119.3	116.5
	May	115.2	107.4	155.4	130.1	119.4	128.0	128.4	118.3	119.4	117.0
	Jun	115.4	107.7	153.9	130.1	117.2	126.9	127.0	118.6	119.5	117.5
	Jul	115.6	107.7	145.2	130.1	121.0	130.4	129.0	119.4	120.0	118.2
	Aug	115.9	107.8	147.7	130.1	129.2	133.6	133.4	120.2	120.5	118.5
	Sep	116.0	107.8	155.4	135.1	128.9	133.9	134.6	120.4	120.5	118.7
	Oct	116.2	108.4	184.2	144.2	125.5	136.0	138.4	121.0	120.8	118.9
	Nov										
	Dec										

* *Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

October 2002 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1998	110.4	0.5	99.4	109.2	92.0	112.5
1999	111.4	0.9	99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2	100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2001		Month / Year				
Jan	115.3	0.3 / 3.3	103.8	110.7	91.1	164.2
Feb	113.9	-1.2 / 1.9	98.7	110.9	91.3	103.9
Mar	114.0	0.1 / 1.1	100.2	[illegible]	91.4	120.2
Apr	115.7	1.5 / 2.5	104.0	111.2	91.1	164.2
May	116.3	0.5 / 2.6	104.5	111.4	91.8	164.2
Jun	117.0	0.6 / 2.8	104.4	111.5	91.7	164.2
Jul	117.0	0.0 / 1.8	104.3	111.7	91.5	164.3
Aug	117.0	0.0 / 1.8	104.4	111.8	91.6	164.3
Sep	117.5	0.4 / 2.1	104.5	111.9	91.7	164.2
Oct	116.5	-0.9 / 1.2	103.4	111.9	91.2	154.4
Nov	115.6	-0.8 / 0.3	103.4	112.1	91.2	154.3
Dec	115.8	0.2 / 0.7	103.4	112.2	91.1	154.1
2002						
Jan	116.3	0.4 / 0.9	102.8	112.2	90.7	149.6
Feb	116.6	0.3 / 2.4	102.9	112.5	90.7	149.5
Mar	117.4	0.7 / 3.0	102.7	112.6	90.4	149.7
Apr	118.4	0.9 / 2.3	103.3	112.8	91.3	149.9
May	119.0	0.5 / 2.3	103.6	113.0	91.6	149.8
Jun	119.0	0.0 / 1.7	103.5	113.1	91.4	149.8
Jul	119.2	0.2 / 1.9	103.6	113.3	91.4	150.1
Aug	119.3	0.1 / 2.0	103.5	113.4	91.2	150.1
Sep	119.6	0.3 / 1.8	103.5	113.5	91.1	150.3
Oct	119.6	0.0 / 2.7	103.8	113.6	91.6	150.6
Nov						
Dec						

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1998	110.0	0.3	98.8	109.5	90.9	108.0
1999	111.1	1.0	98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7	99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2001		Month / Year				
Jan	113.8	-0.1 / 2.4	100.3	110.9	89.9	123.0
Feb	111.3	-2.2 / 0.0	91.3	110.9	89.9	48.4
Mar	112.4	1.0 / 0.2	95.4	111.0	90.0	81.9
Apr	114.2	1.6 / 1.7	100.0	111.2	90.0	119.5
May	114.8	0.5 / 1.9	99.9	111.2	89.8	119.3
Jun	115.4	0.5 / 2.0	99.8	111.3	89.7	119.3
Jul	115.4	0.0 / 1.5	99.7	111.3	89.4	119.3
Aug	115.2	-0.2 / 1.4	99.7	111.4	89.4	119.3
Sep	115.7	0.4 / 1.6	99.7	111.4	89.3	120.1
Oct	115.2	-0.4 / 1.1	100.3	111.6	90.4	118.8
Nov	114.4	-0.7 / 0.3	100.2	112.1	90.2	118.2
Dec	114.3	-0.1 / 0.4	100.0	112.2	90.0	116.5
2002						
Jan	114.9	0.5 / 1.0	100.1	112.3	89.7	119.1
Feb	115.4	0.4 / 3.7	100.0	112.6	89.6	118.3
Mar	116.1	0.6 / 3.3	99.9	112.6	89.3	118.6
Apr	117.1	0.9 / 2.5	100.2	112.7	89.5	120.2
May	117.6	0.4 / 2.4	100.4	113.0	89.6	120.5
Jun	117.8	0.2 / 2.1	100.9	113.1	90.3	120.5
Jul	118.1	0.3 / 2.3	101.0	113.4	90.4	120.5
Aug	118.3	0.2 / 2.7	101.0	113.4	90.3	120.5
Sep	118.4	0.1 / 2.3	100.9	113.5	90.1	121.0
Oct	118.3	-0.1 / 2.7	101.6	113.7	90.9	122.0
Nov						
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Consumer Price Index ◆ November 2002

Highlights

- Inflation rose sharply across the country from November 2001 to November 2002. Although BC, with a 3.5% increase in consumer prices, experienced its largest year-over-year increase since October of 1993, it was the smallest increase in the country. Alberta's CPI rose 9.7%, while Canada's inflation rate was 4.3% over the same period.

- Of the metropolitan areas, price increases from November 2001 ranged from Vancouver's low of 3.5% (which was matched by Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal), to highs in Calgary (9.9%) and Edmonton (9.5%). Victoria's CPI rose 3.7% over the same period.

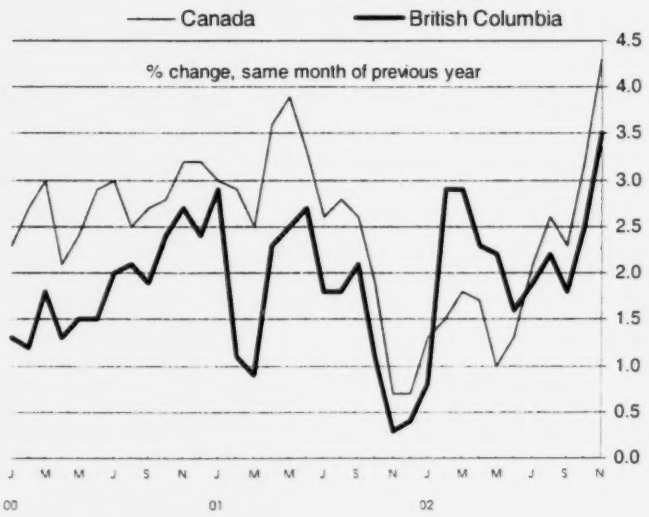
- BC's energy prices, which include natural gas, home heating oil, electricity and gasoline, rose 8.7% from last November, largely due to an 18.4% increase in the price of gasoline. Fuel oil prices rose 3.7% while the price of piped gas dropped 3.4%. Electricity prices remained stable with a 0.4% increase.

- Also contributing to the increase in BC's All-Items CPI from last November were higher prices for cigarettes (30.7%), education (+15.2%), fresh vegetables (+13.8%), public transportation (+7.5), beer purchased from stores (+4.9%), and property taxes (+3.5%). Lower prices for coffee & tea (-6.6%), and men's clothing (-2.2%) helped offset these increases.

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, rose 3.2% from last November. The comparable figure for Canada was 3.7%.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	November 2002	October 2002	November 2001
Canada	120.8	0.2	4.3
BC	118.9	0.2	3.5
Vancouver	119.7	0.1	3.5
Victoria	118.6	0.3	3.7

Inflation Rises Sharply



1992=100	Latest 12-month Average Index	Latest 12-month Average % Change
Canada	118.7	2.0
BC	117.5	2.1
Vancouver	118.3	2.1
Victoria	117.1	2.4

Note:
Statistics Canada will release the December Consumer Price Index on January 22, 2003.

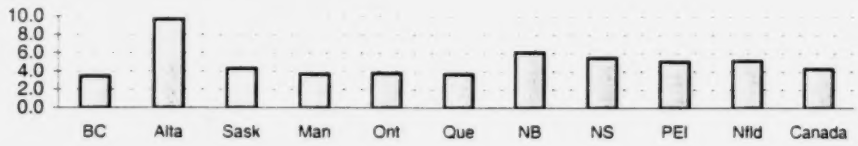
November 2002 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index November 2002	% change October 2002	% change November 2001	Index November 2002	% change October 2002	% change November 2001
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**118.9**	**0.2**	**3.5**	**120.8**	**0.2**	**4.3**
Food	**121.0**	**1.6**	**2.5**	**120.4**	**1.6**	**2.6**
Food Purchased From Stores	118.7	2.4	2.5	119.7	2.2	2.7
Meat	125.3	1.0	-0.4	126.5	0.5	0.2
Fish & Other Seafood	129.8	0.8	0.5	123.5	0.4	0.7
Dairy Products & Eggs	122.9	-0.1	2.6	121.1	0.4	3.4
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	118.5	3.6	2.3	124.9	3.3	4.3
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	107.4	2.5	1.8	108.2	0.0	2.0
Fresh Fruit	106.4	3.7	2.8	110.9	-0.4	2.3
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	103.0	9.8	11.5	111.4	14.4	10.0
Fresh Vegetables	100.4	12.4	13.8	113.9	18.6	12.9
Other Food Products	121.2	1.7	1.9	117.5	0.9	1.4
Coffee & Tea	121.8	-2.4	-6.6	120.9	-1.2	-5.3
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	79.9	1.0	-0.6	98.9	0.0	-1.5
Food Purchased From Restaurants	126.2	0.1	2.6	123.0	0.2	2.4
Shelter	**102.6**	**0.2**	**0.8**	**115.7**	**-0.1**	**3.3**
Rented Accommodation	114.1	0.1	1.4	116.4	0.2	2.0
Owned Accommodation	90.5	0.4	0.9	108.7	0.3	1.9
Property taxes	141.7	0.0	3.5	123.1	0.0	2.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	141.0	0.0	-0.2	139.4	-1.3	9.5
Electricity	106.5	0.0	0.4	122.7	-2.2	7.3
Piped Gas	198.6	0.0	-3.4	183.4	-0.4	14.5
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	141.0	-0.1	3.7	144.8	0.4	11.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	**121.3**	**0.2**	**1.6**	**114.0**	**0.1**	**1.2**
Household Operations	126.3	0.2	1.0	117.9	0.2	1.0
Household Furnishings	114.9	0.1	2.6	108.1	0.0	1.3
Clothing & Footwear	**111.6**	**-2.1**	**0.3**	**105.2**	**-1.8**	**0.0**
Clothing	108.1	-3.3	-1.4	103.6	-2.5	-0.1
Women's Clothing	107.1	-5.1	-1.0	102.3	-3.6	-0.6
Men's Clothing	110.4	-1.3	-2.2	105.1	-1.1	0.5
Children's Clothing	106.0	-0.6	0.1	104.4	-2.1	1.1
Footwear	113.8	-0.7	1.9	105.7	-1.0	-1.4
Transportation	**137.7**	**0.0**	**8.0**	**139.2**	**0.9**	**9.7**
Private Transportation	133.8	0.4	8.1	136.9	1.3	10.1
Operation of Motor Vehicles	135.3	-0.4	11.4	140.6	0.6	15.4
Gasoline	144.5	-1.4	18.4	133.5	-1.8	19.0
Public Transportation	174.1	-2.5	7.5	165.1	-2.1	5.4
Local & Commuter	141.3	0.0	7.4	137.4	0.0	1.9
Inter-City	187.6	-3.2	7.5	187.1	-3.3	7.6
Health & Personal Care	**122.7**	**-0.5**	**1.4**	**116.2**	**0.0**	**1.3**
Health Care	126.1	-0.1	3.0	120.9	0.1	1.9
Personal Care	119.2	-0.9	-0.3	112.6	-0.2	0.8
Recreation, Education & Reading	**125.6**	**-0.8**	**4.4**	**126.7**	**-0.8**	**2.8**
Recreation	118.3	-0.9	2.5	115.7	-1.0	2.4
Education & Reading	153.4	0.0	11.6	166.8	0.0	4.4
Education	157.1	0.0	15.2	182.8	0.0	4.8
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	144.3	0.0	3.4	137.2	0.0	3.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**131.8**	**0.5**	**15.6**	**131.9**	**0.5**	**18.1**
Alcoholic Beverages	118.6	0.1	2.7	120.2	0.8	2.4
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	115.6	0.3	2.5	120.2	0.8	2.1
Beer Purchased from Stores	131.7	0.0	4.9	128.5	1.5	2.0
Liquor Purchased from Stores	101.7	-0.1	0.6	107.7	-0.3	1.0
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	141.6	0.9	30.6	127.1	0.5	31.7
Cigarettes	141.5	0.9	30.7	126.0	0.5	31.9
All-Items Excluding Food	118.5	-0.2	3.8	121.0	0.0	4.8
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	116.4	0.2	3.1	121.2	0.3	3.9
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	116.5	-0.1	3.2	119.2	0.3	3.7

November 2002 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Provinces	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	November 2002	October 2002	November 2001	2001	2000	2000/01
Canada	120.8	0.2	4.3	116.4	113.5	2.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	119.6	0.3	5.2	114.5	113.3	1.1
Prince Edward Island	121.0	0.6	5.1	114.6	111.7	2.6
Nova Scotia	122.5	0.4	5.5	116.3	114.2	1.8
New Brunswick	121.5	0.7	6.1	114.7	112.8	1.7
Quebec	117.1	0.3	3.7	113.2	110.6	2.4
Ontario	121.8	0.2	3.8	117.7	114.2	3.1
Manitoba	124.6	0.6	3.7	121.2	118.1	2.6
Saskatchewan	125.6	0.4	4.3	120.3	116.7	3.1
Alberta	127.9	0.5	9.7	120.1	117.4	2.3
British Columbia	**118.9**	**0.2**	**3.5**	**115.2**	**113.3**	**1.7**
Whitehorse	119.3	0.4	2.7	116.9	114.6	2.0
Yellowknife	117.8	0.2	4.1	113.0	111.2	1.6

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	November 2002	October 2002	November 2001	2001	2000	2000/01
St. John's	119.6	0.3	5.1	114.5	113.2	1.1
Charlottetown	120.2	0.5	4.7	114.2	111.4	2.5
Halifax	121.5	0.3	5.2	115.5	113.2	2.0
Saint John	121.0	0.6	5.9	114.5	112.5	1.8
Quebec City	117.7	0.3	3.7	113.8	111.3	2.2
Montreal	117.1	0.2	3.5	113.4	110.7	2.4
Ottawa	123.5	0.2	4.0	119.3	115.6	3.2
Toronto	122.1	0.3	3.5	118.1	114.5	3.1
Thunder Bay	120.8	0.1	3.9	117.5	114.3	2.8
Winnipeg	124.7	0.6	3.5	121.5	118.1	2.9
Regina	126.4	0.4	4.1	121.3	117.7	3.1
Saskatoon	125.0	0.5	4.3	119.7	116.3	2.9
Edmonton	126.0	0.3	9.5	118.4	115.9	2.2
Calgary	129.2	0.8	9.9	121.3	118.4	2.4
Vancouver	**119.7**	**0.1**	**3.5**	**116.0**	**113.9**	**1.8**
Victoria	**118.6**	**0.3**	**3.7**	**114.3**	**113.0**	**1.2**

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year

November 2002 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1998	110.0	0.3		112.5	98.6	113.9	108.9	119.4	112.1	118.1	108.6
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2001		Month	Year								
Jan	114.5	0.2	2.9	115.3	102.1	115.9	111.9	131.1	118.0	120.2	110.9
Feb	112.6	-1.7	1.1	115.5	95.0	117.0	113.6	129.8	118.8	121.5	110.8
Mar	113.3	0.6	0.9	116.0	98.0	117.3	112.9	128.0	118.6	121.7	111.1
Apr	115.0	1.5	2.3	116.9	102.2	116.8	113.2	129.8	119.5	121.7	111.0
May	115.6	0.5	2.5	118.2	102.4	117.0	110.8	130.8	119.3	123.9	112.1
Jun	116.3	0.6	2.7	117.7	102.4	117.7	111.6	133.6	120.2	125.5	112.1
Jul	116.3	0.0	1.8	118.5	102.3	117.9	114.3	131.8	120.1	125.2	112.1
Aug	116.1	-0.2	1.8	118.4	102.3	117.9	112.7	131.3	119.2	125.2	113.0
Sep	116.7	0.5	2.1	117.4	102.4	119.6	115.2	134.1	119.8	124.2	113.0
Oct	115.8	-0.8	1.1	117.8	101.8	119.4	113.3	132.0	120.8	121.8	112.7
Nov	114.9	-0.8	0.3	118.0	101.8	119.4	111.3	127.5	121.0	120.3	114.0
Dec	114.8	-0.1	0.4	119.4	101.6	120.2	110.1	125.7	120.6	120.5	114.8
2002											
Jan	115.4	0.5	0.8	120.4	101.3	120.2	112.2	128.1	120.1	120.1	115.0
Feb	115.9	0.4	2.9	120.4	101.3	120.3	115.3	128.3	120.8	121.3	117.9
Mar	116.6	0.6	2.9	120.0	101.1	120.8	116.2	131.4	120.5	121.4	123.4
Apr	117.7	0.9	2.3	121.5	101.6	121.4	114.2	135.0	122.0	121.7	123.9
May	118.1	0.3	2.2	120.9	101.8	121.2	112.8	135.9	122.0	125.4	126.2
Jun	118.2	0.1	1.6	121.0	102.0	120.9	111.1	136.0	122.5	126.1	127.8
Jul	118.5	0.3	1.9	120.3	102.1	121.1	110.7	137.2	121.7	127.2	129.9
Aug	118.7	0.2	2.2	120.9	102.1	121.0	110.5	137.7	123.0	127.1	130.4
Sep	118.8	0.1	1.8	119.8	102.0	121.0	113.6	137.6	122.4	128.6	130.5
Oct	118.7	-0.1	2.5	119.1	102.4	121.1	114.0	137.7	123.3	126.6	131.2
Nov	118.9	0.2	3.5	121.0	102.6	121.3	111.6	137.7	122.7	125.6	131.8
Dec											

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1998	108.6	0.9		109.3	103.7	108.2	103.9	120.5	108.1	117.5	92.6
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2001		Month	Year								
Jan	114.7	-0.3	3.0	114.7	111.0	110.5	104.8	131.2	113.1	121.4	99.2
Feb	115.2	0.4	2.9	115.6	110.8	111.0	106.5	131.5	113.6	122.9	99.4
Mar	115.6	0.3	2.5	116.6	111.9	111.3	107.9	130.1	113.5	123.5	99.4
Apr	116.4	0.7	3.6	117.0	112.5	112.0	106.5	132.1	114.0	123.9	103.3
May	117.4	0.9	3.9	117.9	113.8	112.2	104.9	134.0	114.4	125.3	105.2
Jun	117.5	0.1	3.3	118.1	114.2	112.4	104.5	133.0	114.9	125.6	105.4
Jul	117.1	-0.3	2.6	118.6	113.7	112.4	105.8	130.4	114.8	126.2	105.7
Aug	117.1	0.0	2.8	117.7	113.7	112.5	106.6	130.9	114.2	126.2	106.4
Sep	117.4	0.3	2.6	116.9	113.4	113.2	107.9	133.0	114.2	126.0	106.5
Oct	116.8	-0.5	1.9	116.8	113.6	113.0	107.2	130.3	115.0	124.5	106.8
Nov	115.8	-0.9	0.7	117.3	112.0	112.7	105.2	126.9	114.7	123.2	111.7
Dec	115.9	0.1	0.7	118.6	112.6	113.0	103.7	126.0	114.5	122.9	111.9
2002											
Jan	116.2	0.3	1.3	120.0	113.0	112.9	102.3	126.9	114.3	122.3	112.2
Feb	116.9	0.6	1.5	120.6	113.1	113.1	105.4	127.5	114.8	124.1	112.9
Mar	117.7	0.7	1.8	120.4	113.1	113.7	107.1	130.5	114.5	124.9	114.1
Apr	118.4	0.6	1.7	120.9	112.8	113.9	106.6	133.8	115.3	124.7	116.8
May	118.6	0.2	1.0	120.4	113.1	113.8	104.6	134.1	115.7	126.8	118.8
Jun	119.0	0.3	1.3	120.9	113.1	114.0	104.2	134.0	115.9	127.2	124.1
Jul	119.6	0.5	2.1	120.9	113.2	114.2	105.0	135.4	115.4	128.4	129.5
Aug	120.1	0.4	2.6	120.2	114.2	114.3	105.0	137.0	115.6	128.5	129.8
Sep	120.1	0.0	2.3	119.2	114.6	113.8	107.3	136.8	115.7	128.7	129.9
Oct	120.5	0.3	3.2	118.5	115.8	113.9	107.1	137.9	116.2	127.7	131.2
Nov	120.8	0.2	4.3	120.4	115.7	114.0	105.2	139.2	116.2	126.7	131.9
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BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	1998	109.7	91.0	116.7	103.8	104.6	98.5	103.7	109.5	108.2	110.1
	1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8
	2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
2001	Jan	111.2	89.6	228.6	152.4	106.1	134.2	139.5	114.4	112.7	112.1
	Feb	111.3	89.7	228.6	147.5	0.0	135.3	108.3	112.0	110.7	112.4
	Mar	111.5	89.8	228.6	143.8	42.3	132.3	119.2	112.7	111.4	112.1
	Apr	111.6	89.7	228.6	140.2	106.1	135.4	139.7	114.6	113.2	112.4
	May	111.7	90.0	228.6	140.8	106.1	140.2	142.3	115.1	113.8	112.7
	Jun	111.8	89.9	228.6	140.8	106.1	149.5	147.2	116.1	114.5	113.3
	Jul	112.0	89.6	228.6	140.8	106.1	133.7	139.0	115.8	114.4	113.8
	Aug	112.1	89.7	228.6	140.8	106.1	131.5	137.8	115.6	114.2	113.6
	Sep	112.2	89.7	228.6	144.5	106.1	147.2	146.2	116.5	114.8	113.9
	Oct	112.4	89.8	205.6	138.6	106.1	138.5	138.4	115.4	113.9	113.4
	Nov	112.5	89.7	205.6	136.0	106.1	122.0	129.7	114.2	112.9	112.9
	Dec	112.7	89.6	205.6	126.1	106.1	112.1	124.0	113.9	112.8	113.0
2002	Jan	112.7	89.2	198.6	123.7	106.1	113.2	123.7	114.3	113.4	113.5
	Feb	112.9	89.2	198.6	119.3	106.1	113.4	123.6	114.9	113.8	114.1
	Mar	113.0	88.9	198.6	121.6	106.1	126.4	130.5	115.9	114.3	114.6
	Apr	113.1	89.4	198.6	130.8	106.1	137.3	136.6	116.9	115.4	115.1
	May	113.3	89.6	198.6	132.2	106.1	139.9	138.0	117.6	115.8	115.7
	Jun	113.5	90.0	198.6	132.2	106.1	140.4	138.3	117.7	115.9	115.9
	Jul	113.6	89.9	198.6	132.2	106.5	141.8	139.3	118.2	116.1	116.3
	Aug	113.8	89.8	198.6	132.2	106.5	142.6	139.7	118.3	116.3	116.4
	Sep	113.8	89.7	198.6	136.2	106.5	144.5	140.8	118.6	116.3	116.7
	Oct	114.0	90.1	198.6	141.2	106.5	146.5	142.1	118.7	116.2	116.6
	Nov	114.1	90.5	198.6	141.0	106.5	144.5	141.0	118.5	116.4	116.5
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[1] *electricity figures for February and March 2001 reflect BC Hydro rebates*

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1998	109.1	99.2	119.1	100.8	107.8	99.1	104.3	108.6	110.1	108.9
	1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
	2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
2001	Jan	112.3	104.7	178.3	162.7	107.9	131.2	130.9	114.7	116.1	112.8
	Feb	112.5	105.0	191.9	156.2	99.9	132.1	129.9	115.2	116.6	113.4
	Mar	112.6	105.2	212.5	150.2	104.3	129.0	131.6	115.5	117.1	113.5
	Apr	112.8	105.5	209.4	146.0	110.4	136.1	136.4	116.3	117.8	113.9
	May	113.0	105.8	240.0	144.5	111.1	143.5	143.5	117.4	118.7	114.3
	Jun	113.1	105.8	242.4	144.5	114.0	137.4	141.7	117.4	118.8	114.5
	Jul	113.3	105.9	222.0	144.5	114.3	124.2	133.1	116.9	118.4	114.9
	Aug	113.5	106.1	217.1	144.5	114.3	125.9	133.4	117.0	118.4	115.1
	Sep	113.7	106.2	209.3	139.9	114.3	135.5	137.0	117.5	118.6	115.2
	Oct	114.0	106.8	206.5	135.1	114.3	124.7	131.0	116.9	118.0	115.1
	Nov	114.1	106.7	160.2	130.5	114.3	112.2	119.5	115.5	116.7	114.9
	Dec	114.3	106.6	182.4	123.3	114.3	107.6	119.1	115.4	116.9	114.8
2002	Jan	114.4	106.5	191.2	120.5	116.3	110.3	121.8	115.5	117.2	114.7
	Feb	114.6	106.6	190.5	119.7	116.1	111.8	122.4	116.2	117.9	115.4
	Mar	114.7	106.7	176.6	122.7	119.3	122.1	127.2	117.2	118.7	116.0
	Apr	115.0	107.1	153.9	130.2	119.4	130.4	129.4	117.9	119.3	116.5
	May	115.2	107.4	155.4	130.1	119.4	128.0	128.4	118.3	119.4	117.0
	Jun	115.4	107.7	153.9	130.1	117.2	126.9	127.0	118.6	119.5	117.5
	Jul	115.6	107.7	145.2	130.1	121.0	130.4	129.0	119.4	120.0	118.2
	Aug	115.9	107.8	147.7	130.1	129.2	133.6	133.4	120.2	120.5	118.5
	Sep	116.0	107.8	155.4	135.1	128.9	133.9	134.6	120.4	120.5	118.7
	Oct	116.2	108.4	184.2	144.2	125.5	136.0	138.4	121.0	120.8	118.9
	Nov	116.4	108.7	183.4	144.8	122.7	133.5	136.2	121.0	121.2	119.2
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* *Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

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Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1998	110.4	0.5	99.4	109.2	92.0	112.5
1999	111.4	0.9	99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2	100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2001		Month / Year				
Jan	115.3	0.3 / 3.3	103.8	110.7	91.1	164.2
Feb	113.9	-1.2 / 1.9	98.7	110.9	91.3	103.9
Mar	114.0	0.1 / 1.1	100.2	111.0	91.4	120.2
Apr	115.7	1.5 / 2.5	104.0	111.2	91.1	164.2
May	116.3	0.5 / 2.6	104.5	111.4	91.8	164.2
Jun	117.0	0.6 / 2.8	104.4	111.5	91.7	164.2
Jul	117.0	0.0 / 1.8	104.3	111.7	91.5	164.3
Aug	117.0	0.0 / 1.8	104.4	111.8	91.6	164.3
Sep	117.5	0.4 / 2.1	104.5	111.9	91.7	164.2
Oct	116.5	-0.9 / 1.2	103.4	111.9	91.2	154.4
Nov	115.6	-0.8 / 0.3	103.4	112.1	91.2	154.3
Dec	115.8	0.2 / 0.7	103.4	112.2	91.1	154.1
2002						
Jan	116.3	0.4 / 0.9	102.8	112.2	90.7	149.6
Feb	116.6	0.3 / 2.4	102.9	112.5	90.7	149.5
Mar	117.4	0.7 / 3.0	102.7	112.6	90.4	149.7
Apr	118.4	0.9 / 2.3	103.3	112.8	91.3	149.9
May	119.0	0.5 / 2.3	103.6	113.0	91.6	149.8
Jun	119.0	0.0 / 1.7	103.5	113.1	91.4	149.8
Jul	119.2	0.2 / 1.9	103.6	113.3	91.4	150.1
Aug	119.3	0.1 / 2.0	103.5	113.4	91.2	150.1
Sep	119.6	0.3 / 1.8	103.5	113.5	91.1	150.3
Oct	119.6	0.0 / 2.7	103.8	113.6	91.6	150.6
Nov	119.7	0.1 / 3.5	104.0	113.7	91.9	150.4
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Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1998	110.0	0.3	98.8	109.5	90.9	108.0
1999	111.1	1.0	98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7	99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2001		Month / Year				
Jan	113.8	-0.1 / 2.4	100.3	110.9	89.9	123.0
Feb	111.3	-2.2 / 0.0	91.3	110.9	89.9	48.4
Mar	112.4	1.0 / 0.2	95.4	111.0	90.0	81.9
Apr	114.2	1.6 / 1.7	100.0	111.2	90.0	119.5
May	114.8	0.5 / 1.9	99.9	111.2	89.8	119.3
Jun	115.4	0.5 / 2.0	99.8	111.3	89.7	119.3
Jul	115.4	0.0 / 1.5	99.7	111.3	89.4	119.3
Aug	115.2	-0.2 / 1.4	99.7	111.4	89.4	119.3
Sep	115.7	0.4 / 1.6	99.7	111.4	89.3	120.1
Oct	115.2	-0.4 / 1.1	100.3	111.6	90.4	118.8
Nov	114.4	-0.7 / 0.3	100.2	112.1	90.2	118.2
Dec	114.3	-0.1 / 0.4	100.0	112.2	90.0	116.5
2002						
Jan	114.9	0.5 / 1.0	100.1	112.3	89.7	119.1
Feb	115.4	0.4 / 3.7	100.0	112,6	89.6	118.3
Mar	116.1	0.6 / 3.3	99.9	112.6	89.3	118.6
Apr	117.1	0.9 / 2.5	100.2	112.7	89.5	120.2
May	117.6	0.4 / 2.4	100.4	113.0	89.6	120.5
Jun	117.8	0.2 / 2.1	100.9	113.1	90.3	120.5
Jul	118.1	0.3 / 2.3	101.0	113.4	90.4	120.5
Aug	118.3	0.2 / 2.7	101.0	113.4	90.3	120.5
Sep	118.4	0.1 / 2.3	100.9	113.5	90.1	121.0
Oct	118.3	-0.1 / 2.7	101.6	113.7	90.9	122.0
Nov	118.6	0.3 / 3.7	101.9	113.8	91.3	122.5
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Consumer Price Index ◆ December 2002

Highlights - Annual Averages

- British Columbia's annual average all-items Consumer Price Index was 2.3% higher in 2002 than in 2001. The lowest annual increase was seen in Manitoba at 1.6%, while the highest increases were in Alberta and New Brunswick, both at 3.4%. Nationally, consumer prices rose 2.2% from 2001.

- Of the metropolitan areas, residents in Thunder Bay and Winnipeg shared the lowest annual average increase at 1.5%, while Calgarians paid 3.7% more for consumer goods in 2002. Prices rose 2.2% in Vancouver and 2.7% in Victoria between 2001 and 2002.

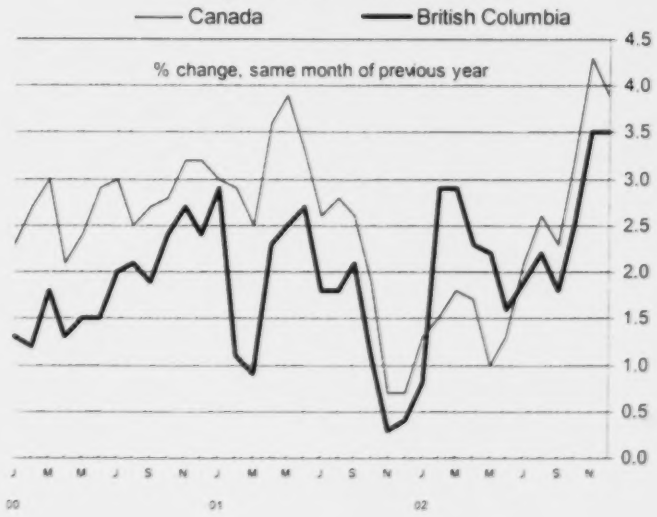
- BC's annual average energy index, which includes natural gas, home heating oil, electricity and gasoline, rose 1.2% from 2001, down from the 2.7% increase recorded between 2000 and 2001. Natural gas and home heating oil prices dropped 10.9% and 6.7%, respectively, from 2001. Gasoline prices rose a modest 1.0%, while electricity costs rose 15.7% compared to 2001 (due to Hydro rebates issued in February of 2001).

- Contributing to BC's annual inflation were higher prices for transportation (+3.4%), food (+2.7%), and household operations & furnishings (+2.5%). Federal and provincial taxes on cigarettes imposed at the beginning of 2002 caused a 12.8% annual increase in BC's alcohol & tobacco products index. Excluding alcohol & tobacco from the all-items CPI resulted in a 1.9% annual increase.

- BC's annual average CPI, excluding food and energy, rose 2.4% from 2001. The comparable figure for Canada was 2.7%.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	December 2002	November 2002	December 2001
Canada	120.4	-0.3	3.9
BC	118.8	-0.1	3.5
Vancouver	119.5	-0.2	3.2
Victoria	118.4	-0.2	3.6

Rising Inflation Trend Halted



1992=100	2002 Annual Average Index	2001/2002 Annual % Change
Canada	119.0	2.2
BC	117.9	2.3
Vancouver	118.6	2.2
Victoria	117.4	2.7

Note:
Statistics Canada will release the January Consumer Price Index on February 27, 2003.

December 2002 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index December 2002	% change November 2002	% change December 2001	Index December 2002	% change November 2002	% change December 2001
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**118.8**	**-0.1**	**3.5**	**120.4**	**-0.3**	**3.9**
Food	**121.7**	**0.6**	**1.9**	**121.2**	**0.7**	**2.2**
Food Purchased From Stores	119.5	0.7	1.5	120.6	0.8	2.0
Meat	123.6	-1.4	-1.7	126.3	-0.2	0.1
Fish & Other Seafood	130.2	0.3	1.0	123.3	-0.2	0.2
Dairy Products & Eggs	123.9	0.8	3.2	121.1	0.0	3.4
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	122.8	3.6	4.8	126.4	1.2	5.2
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	107.5	0.1	-1.8	110.5	2.1	-0.4
Fresh Fruit	105.0	-1.3	-2.2	114.5	3.2	-1.2
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	104.6	1.6	4.1	116.0	4.1	4.2
Fresh Vegetables	101.7	1.3	4.7	119.6	5.0	4.9
Other Food Products	122.1	0.7	2.2	117.5	0.0	1.6
Coffee & Tea	130.2	6.9	1.2	123.3	2.0	-3.6
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	75.3	-5.8	0.3	94.3	-4.7	-1.0
Food Purchased From Restaurants	126.7	0.4	2.8	123.3	0.2	2.4
Shelter	**102.6**	**0.0**	**1.0**	**114.0**	**-1.5**	**1.2**
Rented Accommodation	114.2	0.1	1.3	116.5	0.1	1.9
Owned Accommodation	90.6	0.1	1.1	109.2	0.5	2.4
Property taxes	141.7	0.0	3.5	123.1	0.0	2.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	140.7	-0.2	0.1	126.5	-9.3	-3.4
Electricity	106.5	0.0	0.4	99.7	-18.7	-12.8
Piped Gas	198.6	0.0	-3.4	187.1	2.0	2.6
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	136.6	-3.1	8.3	144.5	-0.2	17.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	**121.3**	**0.0**	**0.9**	**114.0**	**0.0**	**0.9**
Household Operations	126.8	0.4	1.1	118.2	0.3	0.9
Household Furnishings	113.9	-0.9	0.5	107.5	-0.6	0.8
Clothing & Footwear	**109.5**	**-1.9**	**-0.5**	**102.3**	**-2.8**	**-1.4**
Clothing	105.4	-2.5	-2.7	99.9	-3.6	-2.2
Women's Clothing	104.2	-2.7	-0.9	98.4	-3.8	-2.1
Men's Clothing	107.9	-2.3	-4.4	101.9	-3.0	-1.7
Children's Clothing	102.9	-2.9	-7.0	100.3	-3.9	-3.7
Footwear	112.7	-1.0	3.4	103.8	-1.8	-1.2
Transportation	**137.4**	**-0.2**	**9.3**	**140.1**	**0.6**	**11.2**
Private Transportation	133.5	-0.2	10.0	137.8	0.7	11.9
Operation of Motor Vehicles	135.0	-0.2	14.5	142.1	1.1	18.5
Gasoline	138.1	-4.4	23.2	130.0	-2.6	20.8
Public Transportation	173.3	-0.5	4.9	165.9	0.5	3.8
Local & Commuter	141.3	0.0	7.4	137.4	0.0	1.9
Inter-City	186.5	-0.6	4.1	188.6	0.8	5.0
Health & Personal Care	**122.0**	**-0.6**	**1.2**	**116.1**	**-0.1**	**1.4**
Health Care	126.7	0.5	3.3	121.0	0.1	2.1
Personal Care	117.3	-1.6	-1.0	112.5	-0.1	0.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	**125.2**	**-0.3**	**3.9**	**126.0**	**-0.6**	**2.5**
Recreation	118.0	-0.3	2.5	115.1	-0.5	2.2
Education & Reading	152.4	-0.7	9.0	165.6	-0.7	3.3
Education	156.6	-0.3	13.8	181.9	-0.5	4.1
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	142.2	-1.5	-1.4	135.5	-1.2	1.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**131.9**	**0.1**	**14.9**	**131.6**	**-0.2**	**17.6**
Alcoholic Beverages	118.7	0.1	2.2	119.9	-0.2	2.1
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	115.8	0.2	1.8	119.9	-0.2	1.9
Beer Purchased from Stores	131.7	0.0	4.9	127.4	-0.9	1.8
Liquor Purchased from Stores	102.0	0.3	-0.1	108.2	0.5	1.6
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	141.6	0.0	29.7	126.6	-0.4	30.7
Cigarettes	141.5	0.0	29.6	125.5	-0.4	31.0
All-Items Excluding Food	118.2	-0.3	3.8	120.2	-0.7	4.2
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	116.3	-0.1	3.1	120.7	-0.4	3.3
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	116.5	0.0	3.1	119.3	0.1	3.9

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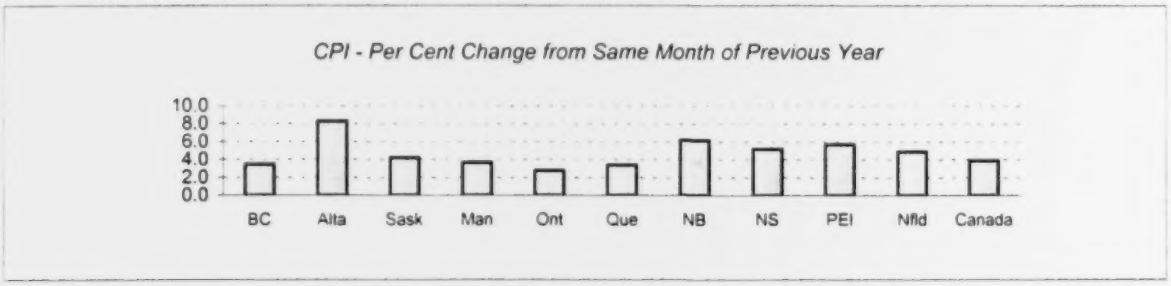
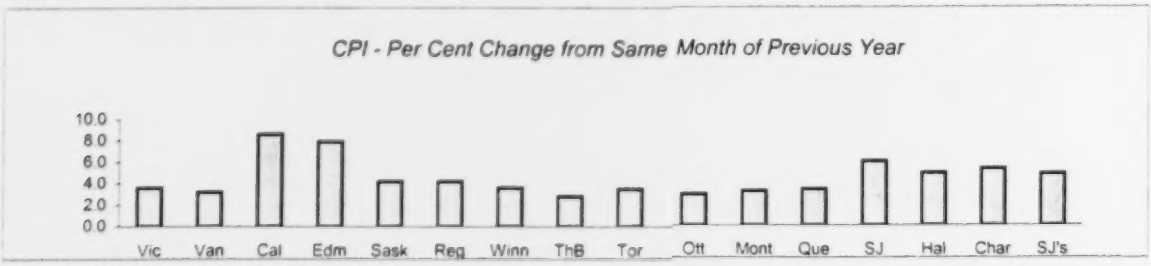
Provinces	Monthly Index December 2002	Monthly Index November 2002	% Chg December 2001	Annual Index 2002	Annual Index 2001	% Chg 2001/02
Canada	120.4	-0.3	3.9	119.0	116.4	2.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	119.0	-0.5	4.9	117.3	114.5	2.4
Prince Edward Island	120.3	-0.6	5.7	117.7	114.6	2.7
Nova Scotia	121.7	-0.7	5.2	119.8	116.3	3.0
New Brunswick	121.4	-0.1	6.2	118.6	114.7	3.4
Quebec	117.0	-0.1	3.4	115.5	113.2	2.0
Ontario	120.6	-1.0	2.8	120.1	117.7	2.0
Manitoba	124.6	0.0	3.7	123.1	121.2	1.6
Saskatchewan	125.4	-0.2	4.2	123.7	120.3	2.8
Alberta	128.3	0.3	8.3	124.2	120.1	3.4
British Columbia	**118.8**	**-0.1**	**3.5**	**117.9**	**115.2**	**2.3**
Whitehorse	119.4	0.1	3.6	117.7	116.9	0.7
Yellowknife	118.1	0.3	4.4	116.3	113.0	2.9



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index December 2002	Monthly Index November 2002	% Chg December 2001	Annual Index 2002	Annual Index 2001	% Chg 2001/02
St. John's	119.1	-0.4	4.8	117.3	114.5	2.4
Charlottetown	119.5	-0.6	5.3	117.1	114.2	2.5
Halifax	120.8	-0.6	4.9	119.1	115.5	3.1
Saint John	120.9	-0.1	6.0	118.2	114.5	3.2
Quebec City	117.6	-0.1	3.4	116.2	113.8	2.1
Montreal	117.1	0.0	3.2	115.7	113.4	2.0
Ottawa	122.4	-0.9	2.9	121.9	119.3	2.2
Toronto	122.2	0.1	3.5	120.6	118.1	2.1
Thunder Bay	119.3	-1.2	2.8	119.3	117.5	1.5
Winnipeg	124.7	0.0	3.6	123.3	121.5	1.5
Regina	126.3	-0.1	4.2	124.6	121.3	2.7
Saskatoon	124.7	-0.2	4.2	123.1	119.7	2.8
Edmonton	126.8	0.6	7.9	121.9	118.4	3.0
Calgary	129.0	-0.2	8.6	125.8	121.3	3.7
Vancouver	**119.5**	**-0.2**	**3.2**	**118.6**	**116.0**	**2.2**
Victoria	**118.4**	**-0.2**	**3.6**	**117.4**	**114.3**	**2.7**



British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2001		Month	Year								
Jan	114.5	0.2	2.9	115.3	102.1	115.9	111.9	131.1	118.0	120.2	110.9
Feb	112.6	-1.7	1.1	115.5	95.0	117.0	113.6	129.8	118.8	121.5	110.8
Mar	113.3	0.6	0.9	116.0	98.0	117.3	112.9	128.0	118.6	121.7	111.1
Apr	115.0	1.5	2.3	116.9	102.2	116.8	113.2	129.8	119.5	121.7	111.0
May	115.6	0.5	2.5	118.2	102.4	117.0	110.8	130.8	119.3	123.9	112.1
Jun	116.3	0.6	2.7	117.7	102.4	117.7	111.6	133.6	120.2	125.5	112.1
Jul	116.3	0.0	1.8	118.5	102.3	117.9	114.3	131.8	120.1	125.2	112.1
Aug	116.1	-0.2	1.8	118.4	102.3	117.9	112.7	131.3	119.2	125.2	113.0
Sep	116.7	0.5	2.1	117.4	102.4	119.6	115.2	134.1	119.8	124.2	113.0
Oct	115.8	-0.8	1.1	117.8	101.8	119.4	113.3	132.0	120.8	121.8	112.7
Nov	114.9	-0.8	0.3	118.0	101.8	119.4	111.3	127.5	121.0	120.3	114.0
Dec	114.8	-0.1	0.4	119.4	101.6	120.2	110.1	125.7	120.6	120.5	114.8
2002											
Jan	115.4	0.5	0.8	120.4	101.3	120.2	112.2	128.1	120.1	120.1	115.0
Feb	115.9	0.4	2.9	120.4	101.3	120.3	115.3	128.3	120.8	121.3	117.9
Mar	116.6	0.6	2.9	120.0	101.1	120.8	116.2	131.4	120.5	121.4	123.4
Apr	117.7	0.9	2.3	121.5	101.6	121.4	114.2	135.0	122.0	121.7	123.9
May	118.1	0.3	2.2	120.9	101.8	121.2	112.8	135.9	122.0	125.4	126.2
Jun	118.2	0.1	1.6	121.0	102.0	120.9	111.1	136.0	122.5	126.1	127.8
Jul	118.5	0.3	1.9	120.3	102.1	121.1	110.7	137.2	121.7	127.2	129.9
Aug	118.7	0.2	2.2	120.9	102.1	121.0	110.5	137.7	123.0	127.1	130.4
Sep	118.8	0.1	1.8	119.8	102.0	121.0	113.6	137.6	122.4	128.6	130.5
Oct	118.7	-0.1	2.5	119.1	102.4	121.1	114.0	137.7	123.3	126.6	131.2
Nov	118.9	0.2	3.5	121.0	102.6	121.3	111.6	137.7	122.7	125.6	131.8
Dec	118.8	-0.1	3.5	121.7	102.6	121.3	109.5	137.4	122.0	125.2	131.9

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2001		Month	Year								
Jan	114.7	-0.3	3.0	114.7	111.0	110.5	104.8	131.2	113.1	121.4	99.2
Feb	115.2	0.4	2.9	115.6	110.8	111.0	106.5	131.5	113.6	122.9	99.4
Mar	115.6	0.3	2.5	116.6	111.9	111.3	107.9	130.1	113.5	123.5	99.4
Apr	116.4	0.7	3.6	117.0	112.5	112.0	106.5	132.1	114.0	123.9	103.3
May	117.4	0.9	3.9	117.9	113.8	112.2	104.9	134.0	114.4	125.3	105.2
Jun	117.5	0.1	3.3	118.1	114.2	112.4	104.5	133.0	114.9	125.6	105.4
Jul	117.1	-0.3	2.6	118.6	113.7	112.4	105.8	130.4	114.8	126.2	105.7
Aug	117.1	0.0	2.8	117.7	113.7	112.5	106.6	130.9	114.2	126.2	106.4
Sep	117.4	0.3	2.6	116.9	113.4	113.2	107.9	133.0	114.2	126.0	106.5
Oct	116.8	-0.5	1.9	116.8	113.6	113.0	107.2	130.3	115.0	124.5	106.8
Nov	115.8	-0.9	0.7	117.3	112.0	112.7	105.2	126.9	114.7	123.2	111.7
Dec	115.9	0.1	0.7	118.6	112.6	113.0	103.7	126.0	114.5	122.9	111.9
2002											
Jan	116.2	0.3	1.3	120.0	113.0	112.9	102.3	126.9	114.3	122.3	112.2
Feb	116.9	0.6	1.5	120.6	113.1	113.1	105.4	127.5	114.8	124.1	112.9
Mar	117.7	0.7	1.8	120.4	113.1	113.7	107.1	130.5	114.5	124.9	114.1
Apr	118.4	0.6	1.7	120.9	112.8	113.9	106.6	133.8	115.3	124.7	116.8
May	118.6	0.2	1.0	120.4	113.1	113.8	104.6	134.1	115.7	126.8	118.8
Jun	119.0	0.3	1.3	120.9	113.1	114.0	104.2	134.0	115.9	127.2	124.1
Jul	119.6	0.5	2.1	120.9	113.2	114.2	105.0	135.4	115.4	128.4	129.5
Aug	120.1	0.4	2.6	120.2	114.2	114.3	105.0	137.0	115.6	128.5	129.8
Sep	120.1	0.0	2.3	119.2	114.6	113.8	107.3	136.8	115.7	128.7	129.9
Oct	120.5	0.3	3.2	118.5	115.8	113.9	107.1	137.9	116.2	127.7	131.2
Nov	120.8	0.2	4.3	120.4	115.7	114.0	105.2	139.2	116.2	126.7	131.9
Dec	120.4	-0.3	3.9	121.2	114.0	114.0	102.3	140.1	116.1	126.0	131.6

BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8
	2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
2001	Jan	111.2	89.6	228.6	152.4	106.1	134.2	139.5	114.4	112.7	112.1
	Feb	111.3	89.7	228.6	147.5	0.0	135.3	108.3	112.0	110.7	112.4
	Mar	111.5	89.8	228.6	143.8	42.3	132.3	119.2	112.7	111.4	112.1
	Apr	111.6	89.7	228.6	140.2	106.1	135.4	139.7	114.6	113.2	112.4
	May	111.7	90.0	228.6	140.8	106.1	140.2	142.3	115.1	113.8	112.7
	Jun	111.8	89.9	228.6	140.8	106.1	149.5	147.2	116.1	114.5	113.3
	Jul	112.0	89.6	228.6	140.8	106.1	133.7	139.0	115.8	114.4	113.8
	Aug	112.1	89.7	228.6	140.8	106.1	131.5	137.8	115.6	114.2	113.6
	Sep	112.2	89.7	228.6	144.5	106.1	147.2	146.2	116.5	114.8	113.9
	Oct	112.4	89.8	205.6	138.6	106.1	138.5	138.4	115.4	113.9	113.4
	Nov	112.5	89.7	205.6	136.0	106.1	122.0	129.7	114.2	112.9	112.9
	Dec	112.7	89.6	205.6	126.1	106.1	112.1	124.0	113.9	112.8	113.0
2002	Jan	112.7	89.2	198.6	123.7	106.1	113.2	123.7	114.3	113.4	113.5
	Feb	112.9	89.2	198.6	119.3	106.1	113.4	123.6	114.9	113.8	114.1
	Mar	113.0	88.9	198.6	121.6	106.1	126.4	130.5	115.9	114.3	114.6
	Apr	113.1	89.4	198.6	130.8	106.1	137.3	136.6	116.9	115.4	115.1
	May	113.3	89.6	198.6	132.2	106.1	139.9	138.0	117.6	115.8	115.7
	Jun	113.5	90.0	198.6	132.2	106.1	140.4	138.3	117.7	115.9	115.9
	Jul	113.6	89.9	198.6	132.2	106.5	141.8	139.3	118.2	116.1	116.3
	Aug	113.8	89.8	198.6	132.2	106.5	142.6	139.7	118.3	116.3	116.4
	Sep	113.8	89.7	198.6	136.2	106.5	144.5	140.8	118.6	116.3	116.7
	Oct	114.0	90.1	198.6	141.2	106.5	146.5	142.1	118.7	116.2	116.6
	Nov	114.1	90.5	198.6	141.0	106.5	144.5	141.0	118.5	116.4	116.5
	Dec	114.2	90.6	198.6	136.6	106.5	138.1	137.5	118.2	116.3	116.5

[1] *electricity figures for February and March 2001 reflect BC Hydro rebates*

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
	2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
2001	Jan	112.3	104.7	178.3	162.7	107.9	131.2	130.9	114.7	116.1	112.8
	Feb	112.5	105.0	191.9	156.2	99.9	132.1	129.9	115.2	116.6	113.4
	Mar	112.6	105.2	212.5	150.2	104.3	129.0	131.6	115.5	117.1	113.5
	Apr	112.8	105.5	209.4	146.0	110.4	136.1	136.4	116.3	117.8	113.9
	May	113.0	105.8	240.0	144.5	111.1	143.5	143.5	117.4	118.7	114.3
	Jun	113.1	105.8	242.4	144.5	114.0	137.4	141.7	117.4	118.8	114.5
	Jul	113.3	105.9	222.0	144.5	114.3	124.2	133.1	116.9	118.4	114.9
	Aug	113.5	106.1	217.1	144.5	114.3	125.9	133.4	117.0	118.4	115.1
	Sep	113.7	106.2	209.3	139.9	114.3	135.5	137.0	117.5	118.6	115.2
	Oct	114.0	106.8	206.5	135.1	114.3	124.7	131.0	116.9	118.0	115.1
	Nov	114.1	106.7	160.2	130.5	114.3	112.2	119.5	115.5	116.7	114.9
	Dec	114.3	106.6	182.4	123.3	114.3	107.6	119.1	115.4	116.9	114.8
2002	Jan	114.4	106.5	191.2	120.5	116.3	110.3	121.8	115.5	117.2	114.7
	Feb	114.6	106.6	190.5	119.7	116.1	111.8	122.4	116.2	117.9	115.4
	Mar	114.7	106.7	176.6	122.7	119.3	122.1	127.2	117.2	118.7	116.0
	Apr	115.0	107.1	153.9	130.2	119.4	130.4	129.4	117.9	119.3	116.5
	May	115.2	107.4	155.4	130.1	119.4	128.0	128.4	118.3	119.4	117.0
	Jun	115.4	107.7	153.9	130.1	117.2	126.9	127.0	118.6	119.5	117.5
	Jul	115.6	107.7	145.2	130.1	121.0	130.4	129.0	119.4	120.0	118.2
	Aug	115.9	107.8	147.7	130.1	129.2	133.6	133.4	120.2	120.5	118.5
	Sep	116.0	107.8	155.4	135.1	128.9	133.9	134.6	120.4	120.5	118.7
	Oct	116.2	108.4	184.2	144.2	125.5	136.0	138.4	121.0	120.8	118.9
	Nov	116.4	108.7	183.4	144.8	122.7	133.5	136.2	121.0	121.2	119.2
	Dec	116.5	109.2	187.1	144.5	99.7	130.0	127.6	120.2	120.7	119.3

* *Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1999	111.4	0.9	99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2	100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2	103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2001		Month / Year				
Jan	115.3	0.3 / 3.3	103.8	110.7	91.1	164.2
Feb	113.9	-1.2 / 1.9	98.7	110.9	91.3	103.9
Mar	114.0	0.1 / 1.1	100.2	111.0	91.4	120.2
Apr	115.7	1.5 / 2.5	104.0	111.2	91.1	164.2
May	116.3	0.5 / 2.6	104.5	111.4	91.8	164.2
Jun	117.0	0.6 / 2.8	104.4	111.5	91.7	164.2
Jul	117.0	0.0 / 1.8	104.3	111.7	91.5	164.3
Aug	117.0	0.0 / 1.8	104.4	111.8	91.6	164.3
Sep	117.5	0.4 / 2.1	104.5	111.9	91.7	164.2
Oct	116.5	-0.9 / 1.2	103.4	111.9	91.2	154.4
Nov	115.6	-0.8 / 0.3	103.4	112.1	91.2	154.3
Dec	115.8	0.2 / 0.7	103.4	112.2	91.1	154.1
2002						
Jan	116.3	0.4 / 0.9	102.8	112.2	90.7	149.6
Feb	116.6	0.3 / 2.4	102.9	112.5	90.7	149.5
Mar	117.4	0.7 / 3.0	102.7	112.6	90.4	149.7
Apr	118.4	0.9 / 2.3	103.3	112.8	91.3	149.9
May	119.0	0.5 / 2.3	103.6	113.0	91.6	149.8
Jun	119.0	0.0 / 1.7	103.5	113.1	91.4	149.8
Jul	119.2	0.2 / 1.9	103.6	113.3	91.4	150.1
Aug	119.3	0.1 / 2.0	103.5	113.4	91.2	150.1
Sep	119.6	0.3 / 1.8	103.5	113.5	91.1	150.3
Oct	119.6	0.0 / 2.7	103.8	113.6	91.6	150.6
Nov	119.7	0.1 / 3.5	104.0	113.7	91.9	150.4
Dec	119.5	-0.2 / 3.2	104.1	113.9	91.9	150.2

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1999	111.1	1.0	98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7	99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2002	117.4	2.7	100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2001		Month / Year				
Jan	113.8	-0.1 / 2.4	100.3	110.9	89.9	123.0
Feb	111.3	-2.2 / 0.0	91.3	110.9	89.9	48.4
Mar	112.4	1.0 / 0.2	95.4	111.0	90.0	81.9
Apr	114.2	1.6 / 1.7	100.0	111.2	90.0	119.5
May	114.8	0.5 / 1.9	99.9	111.2	89.8	119.3
Jun	115.4	0.5 / 2.0	99.8	111.3	89.7	119.3
Jul	115.4	0.0 / 1.5	99.7	111.3	89.4	119.3
Aug	115.2	-0.2 / 1.4	99.7	111.4	89.4	119.3
Sep	115.7	0.4 / 1.6	99.7	111.4	89.3	120.1
Oct	115.2	-0.4 / 1.1	100.3	111.6	90.4	118.8
Nov	114.4	-0.7 / 0.3	100.2	112.1	90.2	118.2
Dec	114.3	-0.1 / 0.4	100.0	112.2	90.0	116.5
2002						
Jan	114.9	0.5 / 1.0	100.1	112.3	89.7	119.1
Feb	115.4	0.4 / 3.7	100.0	112.6	89.6	118.3
Mar	116.1	0.6 / 3.3	99.9	112.6	89.3	118.6
Apr	117.1	0.9 / 2.5	100.2	112.7	89.5	120.2
May	117.6	0.4 / 2.4	100.4	113.0	89.6	120.5
Jun	117.8	0.2 / 2.1	100.9	113.1	90.3	120.5
Jul	118.1	0.3 / 2.3	101.0	113.4	90.4	120.5
Aug	118.3	0.2 / 2.7	101.0	113.4	90.3	120.5
Sep	118.4	0.1 / 2.3	100.9	113.5	90.1	121.0
Oct	118.3	-0.1 / 2.7	101.6	113.7	90.9	122.0
Nov	118.6	0.3 / 3.7	101.9	113.8	91.3	122.5
Dec	118.4	-0.2 / 3.6	101.9	113.9	91.3	122.1